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## VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Vanderbilt University, named for its generous founder, Commodore Vanderbilt, was established twenty-eight years ago. It began with an endowment of \$300,000, increased to \$1,250,000 by later donations from Commodore Vanderbilt himself, from his son Mr. William H. Vanderbilt, and more recently from his grandsons, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt and Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt.

Most of the university buildings and the homes of many of the professors are to be found on the campus in West End, where seventy-six acres of beautifully shaded grounds furnish an ideal location. The elevation is considerable, affording from the main building a fine view over the city of Nashville. But the campus itself is a place to linger for the delight of its green slopes and quiet winding paths. On its lower side, encircled with thickly clustered trees, is Dudley Field, the scene of football, baseball, and the track meets in spring.

The main building contains the library, and is occupied by the Academic and Pharmaceutical departments. It was the first building to be erected and was soon outgrown by the departments it held. To supply room for the work in Geology and Biology, Science Hall was built. It contains special laboratories and department libraries. Wesley Hall, the home of the Biblical department, was the gift of Mr. William H. Vanderbilt, and Engineering Hall on Central Avenue was a gift of Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Just beyond the gymnasium at the entrance on West Avenue are the dormitories for men, Kissam Hall, a beautiful new building costing \$135,000, the gift of Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, and named in honor of his mother; and West Side Row, a group of cottages the residents of which share the dining hall of Kissam.

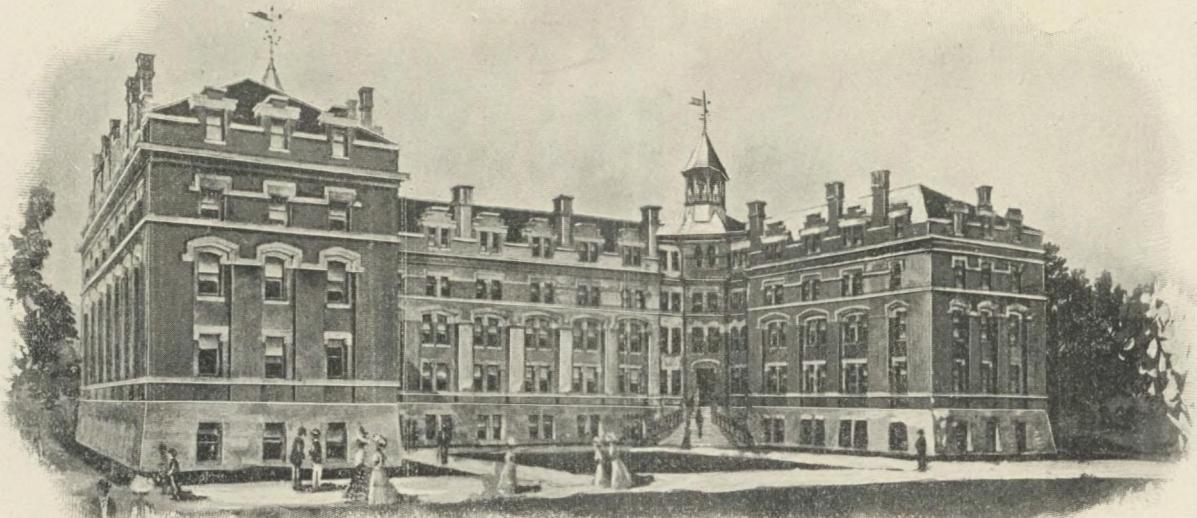
The most elevated point on West Avenue is occupied by the observatory, at which Professor Barnard began his career and where traditions of him still linger.

To find the Medical, Law, and Dental departments, one must visit various parts of the city; Vauxhall Place, where a large building is occupied by the Dental students; Cherry Street near the busiest portion of the city, for the Law department and its library; South Nashville, where a modern well equipped building contains lecture rooms and laboratories for the increasing number of Medical students.

College life at Vanderbilt is especially rich in fraternity associations and clubs. Two literary societies carry on active work; the Y. M. C. A. has a building near Kissam Hall; there are twelve chapters of the Greek letter fraternities, various clubs, and a Southern Historical Society which is doing most excellent work. The young women of the university have two local sororities and an organization of the Y. W. C. A.

The twenty-eight years of Vanderbilt's life have been years of constant growth. The three original departments have expanded into seven, the number of instructors increased to 101, who have charge of 700 students. Still further growth is planned for and confidently expected. Among other things, a new Library Building, a larger Science Hall, and a Dormitory for women are needed.

The continual advance of the university and its wide recognition have been due largely to the strong influence of its faculty and to the wise leadership of its executive heads. The present chancellor, Dr. James H. Kirkland, a man of distinguished ability, is an educator whose influence extends to the general educational movement of the South. If the



KISSAM HALL, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

strength of a college lies in the men of its faculty and alumni, Vanderbilt has rightly won its place as the foremost of Southern universities. Its loyal alumni are conscious that their lives have been enriched by its training and the value of its ideals, and the friends of Vanderbilt are full of the hope that a long life will fulfil the promise of its earlier years.

PENELOPE McDUFFIE,  
Alpha Eta.

## THE EVOLUTION OF ALPHA ETA—VANDER- BILT UNIVERSITY

It was in the spring of 1899 that the girls of Vanderbilt University, feeling the need of a closer comradeship among themselves decided to organize a sorority. They were ably assisted in their efforts of organization by Dr. Herbert C. Tolman, Professor of Greek at Vanderbilt, and by Miss Clara Kretzinger, then a student of the University, but now an alumna of Chicago University. The sorority was to be known as Phi Kappa Upsilon, the colors chosen were white and green, and the flower was the white rose.

Seventeen charter members were enrolled and four honorary members. During the last two years a change was made in the constitution whereby the honorary members became patronesses of the sorority. In 1900 Miss Stella Scott Vaughn was elected an honorary member. No name on Phi Kappa Upsilon's roll is dearer to her girls than that of Miss Vaughn. It is through her untiring devotion and loyalty to Phi Kappa Upsilon that we have been successful in so many of our undertakings.

In November, 1899, application was made for a charter of Kappa Alpha Theta. In reply to our application the Grand Secretary of Kappa Alpha Theta wrote that owing to the limited number of girls then attending the university, the Grand Council thought it better not to grant a charter, and advised us to leave our application on file.

At the time of our application Phi Kappa Upsilon was the only local sorority then in existence at Vanderbilt, but during the winter another sorority was organized and continued to exist sub rosa until the following fall, when it became known as Theta Delta Theta.

Then followed three years of mingled hope and discouragement, during which time Mrs. David Holmes and Miss Jeanette Becker, two Thetas, who happened to be in

Nashville, visited us, and reported to the Grand Council. We carried on a vigorous correspondence with the various members of that august body, and as a result of this correspondence, Miss Grace Eagleson, president of Beta District, was sent in March, 1903, to again investigate Vanderbilt. Through the strenuous efforts of Miss Eagleson, her deep interest, and the personal efforts of the Grand Council, our application for a charter was at last able to pass the chapter votes and on December 16, 1903, a telegram was sent to Phi Kappa Upsilon from Miss L. Pearle Green announcing national affiliation with Kappa Alpha Theta. In the next few days, a letter came from Miss Eagleson informing us that the installation of the chapter would take place January 9, 1904, but owing to the illness of Miss Eagleson, she was unable to come to Nashville at the date arranged, and the installation was postponed until January 15, 1904. Miss Eagleson, Miss Mary Loren from Alpha Gamma, and Miss Edith Cockins from Alpha Gamma, were sent to install the chapter. Miss Elsa Branner of Phi Chapter was passing through Nashville on that day on her way to Europe, and kindly agreed to assist these Thetas in the installation of the chapter.

There were fifteen active members and four graduates who were initiated as charter members. In honor of our installation, a banquet was given that night at the home of Miss Stella Scott Vaughn. Twenty-two Kappa Alpha Thetas were seated at the banquet table. Miss Eleanor Buford acted as our toast-mistress, and the following toasts were responded to:

Alpha Eta	-	-	-	-	Miss Eagleson,
Kappa Alpha Theta	-	-	-	-	Miss Cockins,
Kappa Alpha Theta,	-	-	-	-	Miss Cockins
Vanderbilt University	-	-	-	-	Miss Wilson,
Phi Kappa Upsilon	-	-	-	-	Miss Pride.

A letter of greeting to Alpha Eta from the Grand President, Ednah Wickson, was read by Miss Eagleson. The number of telegrams of congratulation and letters of welcome from our sister chapters made Alpha Eta feel that she was

indeed well repaid for her long waiting and strenuous efforts to win this much coveted goal.

Alpha Eta returns greetings to her sister chapters and pledges a most loyal support to Kappa Alpha Theta.

MONNELL PRIDE,  
Alpha Eta.



UNIVERSITY HALL, VANDERBILT CAMPUS VIEW



REAR VIEW OF UNIVERSITY HALL, VANDERBILT

## THE QUESTION OF GRANTING NEW CHARTERS

This issue of our Journal furnishes the active chapters of our fraternity with the first account of the establishment of a Theta chapter, since the initiation of their present active membership.

It is therefore with more than ordinary pleasure and enthusiasm that we welcome our Alpha Eta chapter established at Vanderbilt University, January 15, 1904. It is needless, I am sure, to add that our whole fraternity thought was turned to the "Sunny South" on that day, and that each and every Theta wished that she might have a part in the making of this first Theta Fraternity bond between our Northern and Southern Universities.

But it is not of the installation of this particular chapter that I wish to speak. Rather, this recent granting of a new charter brings to my mind some thoughts with reference to the fraternity that receives the applications as well as to the applying groups.

It is doubtless the experience of every fraternity that many applications come before it that can have little claim on the fraternity's attention. Every fraternity has some standard by which in a general way it can judge of its applying groups.

What of those groups that apply and seemingly come up to the requirements as to their own organization as well as to the standing of their institutions? Do we as members of a national organization realize the great amount of energy, work, and continued interest that has been spent in bringing the local to the position where it feels it is sufficiently well organized and equipped, that the growth of its University is sufficiently permanent, that the number of women students is enough of a force, to warrant the group in asking for a first or perhaps an additional national fraternity?

A local that exists in a good institution,—one that has been organized for some time, and has grown to be known as a permanent factor in college affairs,—should surely have the careful and earnest consideration of the officers and active chapters of that fraternity to which it makes application for a charter.

The active chapters have a great responsibility in this matter. The question of refusing or granting a charter should not be taken up as usual fraternity business, to be dealt with in a summary manner and with little thought by the members. Let us not with a ruthless hand destroy all the hopes and ambitions of these petitioners. It is a question that deserves consideration from an intelligent knowledge of the case, and should be voted on only when the chapter is assured that it has gone well over the ground and can cast an honest, unprejudiced and thoroughly intelligent vote. This much is surely due the officers of your fraternity who have doubtless made a previous study of the case, and much more is it due to the applicants.

A local fraternity that has been in harmonious working order for one, two, or three years, must have a pretty well defined idea of what the responsibilities of a national fraternity are. The ideals of the local are high and as a rule their application for a national charter is made to that fraternity the local considers is the best.

If the honor of an application comes to us from such a group of girls, let us see to it that we give every consideration to their claim.

Then from the national fraternity's standpoint this question of granting charters deserves much thought. I doubt if there is any question which comes before us oftener than that of extension, of adding new chapters to our roll.

The real fraternity ideals are not upheld if we do not in some measure extend our ranks and influence, and this end can only be attained by granting new charters as favorable opportunities present themselves.

In this age of progress and advancement, we should be

glad to extend our influence, to make our principles the principles of other college students, in whom we have faith, and whom we have proven worthy of the honor.

Certainly entrance into high grade institutions can but be of benefit to the fraternity entering, for new chapters rightly started must bring not only new responsibility, but add new life and new spirit, two things necessary to the proper development of any organization.

We have only to be careful that we select high grade institutions in which to establish chapters, and give the keeping of those rites and principles which we hold dear, into the hands of a worthy group, and we may feel secure as to the future of our fraternity.

GRACE EAGLESON,  
Pres. Beta District.

## A REVIEW OF THE 1903 STUDENT CONFERENCE AT SILVER BAY

A trifle more than a month before our own Convention of 1903, there gathered for conference, at one of the most attractive summer resorts of Lake George, a body of women representative of all classes of college students, non-Greeks as well as Greeks, and affiliated with an organization both academic and religious, the influence of which is not merely national, but world-reaching. I refer to the Eleventh Annual Conference for the Young Women of the Colleges of the Eastern United States and Canada, conveyed and conducted under the auspices of the American Committee of the World's Student Christian Federation.

Early in the past spring the American Committee sent to the various women's colleges of the eastern United States and Canada, pamphlets containing a brief prospectus of the proposed conference to be held at Lake George, and a cordial invitation to send delegations. Accordingly, five o'clock of the afternoon of June 25th, found dockmen, express agents and boat hands at Caldwell, bustling to pilot crowds of merry girls, properly registered and credentialled, with attendant baggage and occasional chaperones, from the incoming train to the decks of the big lake steamer, usually so sparsely patronized at that time of the year.

Vassar's huge delegation planted its proud banner at the bow of the main deck, Mt. Holyoke selected the second position at the right, Barnard at the left, Smith and Bryn Mawr followed, and the remaining college groups gradually settled into place down the line beyond. Chatter and laughter buzzed along the decks. Group regarded group with those curious, half-embarrassed glances of people who hesitate to make the first greeting, though they must eventually find a way of meeting; and their spoken comment of each other added to the hum of the



WEST AVENUE, VANDERBILT CAMPUS

decks, until, at last, all safely aboard, the great steamer swung slowly away from the dock out into the deeper waters of the lake.

Then the cool stillness of the hour, the rhythmic motion of the propellers through the quiet water, the peacefulness of green, wooded shores and calm mountain peaks, as they lay in the glow of a long June twilight, brought a gradual hush over the merry groups. Save for an occasional word, low spoken, they, too, lapsed into silence. But as the rugged mountains and the islands of the upper lake came into view, there floated from beneath the Vassar standard a breath of song, soft, but vibrating with volume and friendliness. Answering "Alma Maters" were returned by various delegations. College yells followed, softened by the open air; faces stood out clear from indistinct masses; acquaintances were recognized, introductions made, and as the steamer drew alongside the dock at Silver Bay, the delegates realized that with these cordial greetings the Student Conference had really begun.

Just so happily, from June 26 to July 7, the work was carried on. A wonderful enthusiasm was evident. Besides some three hundred delegates from fourteen women's colleges, varying from Vassar's delegation of thirty-six to a single one from some of the smaller and more distant colleges, there were as leaders, speakers and guests, about seventy-five men and women well known in religious and academic work. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, served as presiding officer at the platform meetings.

Sessions began at nine in the morning. Besides classes in Bible study, there were three conferences especially instituted for filling distinctive needs. The largest of these was the Student Conference, held daily for one hour. Here were discussed all questions relating to the development of Christian work in colleges. An important feature of this particular conference was that of sectional meetings for special

work, such, for instance, as that of the presidents of college Christian Associations.

At an informal sectional meeting to which all the fraternity women of the delegations were invited, Miss Parsons, Kappa Kappa Gamma, a leader of the conference, spoke of the lack of enthusiasm fraternity girls often exhibited in general college affairs, and urged especially that the delegates use their influence in promoting, in their chapters, loyalty to college interests, especially those of the college Y. W. C. A., and in cultivating a truly cordial Christian interfraternity spirit. The talk, given, as it was, in the form of a discussion, was decidedly effective.

One hour daily also was devoted to considering missionary work, plans for mission meetings, practical talks on systematic giving, etc.; and another hour session was given to the special help of alumnae, who, on leaving college, go into active Christian work in their own churches and in the city Y. W. C. A. Courses of Bible Study, of which there were five or six, were practical training courses for leaders of college Bible classes. Each delegate was expected to register in one of these Bible classes, but the selection of conferences was left entirely to her own discretion day by day.

All these sessions were relegated to the hours from nine to twelve. Dinner was then served, and, with the exception of an outdoor meeting at sunset, where one of the speakers gave a short talk on some topic of practical Christian living, the remainder of the day was free for recreation. Fair weather made the opportunity for tennis, rowing, swimming, driving, and launch parties especially attractive, and the beauty of the lake itself was a continual satisfaction.

The social attitude of the conference is especially to be noticed. If well conducted, any conference accomplishes a fair amount of practical detail work; but the ultimate success, the factor which gives new stimulus to the work of the following year, lies in the spirit there displayed. And in this particular instance cordiality and enthusiasm were so much at

their best, that it was a problem to tell whether work or play was more delightful.

College loyalty and hospitality were especially marked. College banners, indicating the location of each delegation, bedecked the front and sides of the hotel; and in the sanctums so designated, delegations entertained each other informally, at afternoon tea.

Under the management of a committee from each delegation and Mr. George Hepbron, of the Physical Training Department of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., rowing, swimming, and basket-ball matches were arranged, and a tennis tournament played to the finish. The culmination of athletic interests was reached on July Fourth, celebrated as a field day. A long procession formed, delegation by delegation in distinctive and unique costume; and after being duly examined and judged, broke up to doff petticoats and don sweaters and bloomers in preparation for final struggles in honor of *Alma Mater*.

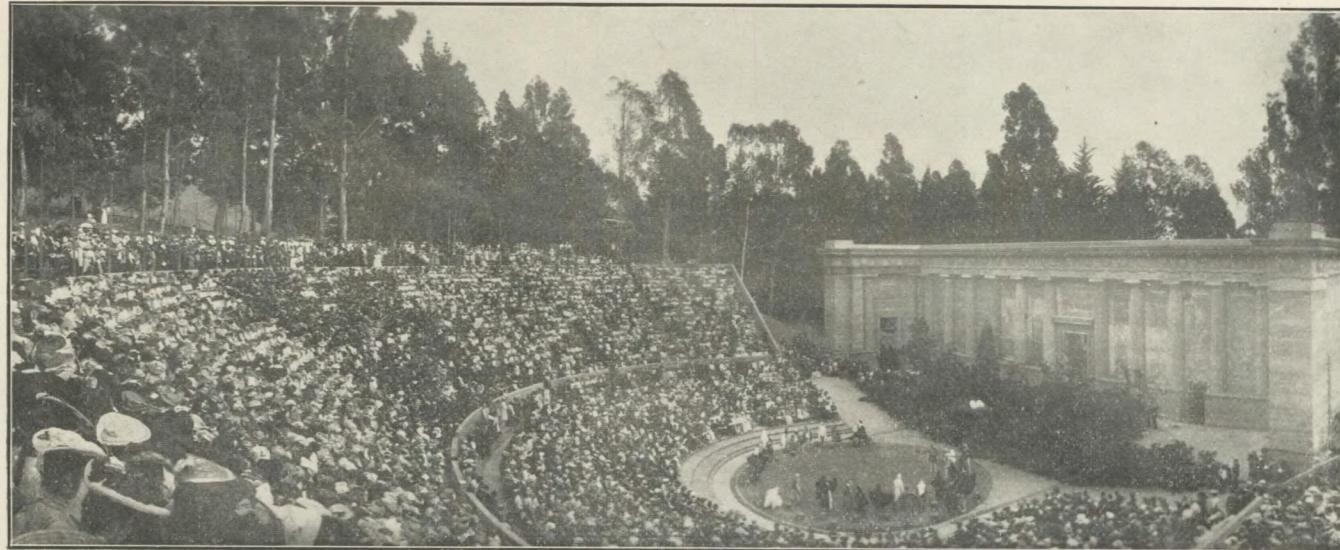
So, in hearty fellowship and the accomplishment of practical good, the allotted ten days passed, and regretfully delegates parted for a long summer vacation. As the islands of the lake again spread out before them, and the hotel and cottages grew smaller in the distance, that enthusiasm which had made the past days so fruitful, crystallized into a resolution to carry to the home college a spirit that should make the work of the succeeding year a telling success.

MAY A. JOHNSON,  
Gamma Alumnae.

## THE GREEK THEATRE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

To every loyal Californian, May 14, 1903, was a high feast day. It was Commencement Day, and to all the pleasures of graduation were added yet these—the Commencement address by the President of the United States, and the use for the first time, of the new Greek Theatre. As we walked up the hillside on that great day we were looking for wonderful things, but the realization far exceeded our expectation. And this is what we saw. White in the sunshine was a faithful reproduction of the theatres which rose in fair Hellas in the olden days, not a slavish model, but a reproduction which embodies the best of the spirit of Greek architecture combined with the best of our Western spirit.

Fourteen columns supporting the walls of the stage are pure Doric, but the garlands that crown the walls are designed in the California bay, and on this Commencement Day, from every pole, bright against the sky, floated the colors of our College. The theatre, divided into two parts, the auditorium and the stage, was a mass of color. Such a typical, Californian assembly! The light summer dresses of those in the auditorium were set off by the dark robes of the Regents, of the members of the Faculty, and the caps and gowns of the graduates, who had seats upon the stage. But most typical of all was the dark fringe of green eucalyptus, bringing out the circle of the theatre, and above all the bluest of skies. As we waited for the President we were all impressed and made quiet by the wonder of it—the old and the new. And when the bugle announced the coming of the President of the United States, that great gathering of eight thousand arose, as he stepped upon the stage; love for college and love for country combined and swept over us with a rush of emotion that made us forget time and space,



GREEK THEATRE AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

and we thought only of those things which are abiding and eternal.

This Greek Theatre, which was the gift of William Randolph Hearst, was formally dedicated in September, with addresses by President Wheeler; Mr. Weed, '94, who discovered the situation; Mr. Howard, the architect, and Mr. Hearst. These exercises were followed by a dramatic festival which continued through the week. Scenes from Aristophanes' "Birds" were acted by students in the original Greek; "Twelfth Night" was presented by Charles Frohman's "Every Man" company, and Racine's "Phédre" was given in French by the students.

In fair weather the theatre is used for the bi-monthly University meetings, at which the entire College comes together as a great family, and President Wheeler always brings a prominent speaker to give us good advice. Perhaps the most spectacular view of the theatre is at a foot-ball rally. A great bonfire blazes in the level where of old the Greek Chorus did its work; a black sky shuts off all save the whiteness of the concrete; the hoarse voices of the very American orators ring out, only to be drowned by the thundering of the College yells. It might well cause our classic ancestors to shudder in their tombs!

The influence of this building, with all it stands for of the really True and Beautiful, is already felt. The whole tone of College theatricals is becoming more dignified, more in sympathy with academic ideals. The farces of the different classes will soon be past history, and instead there will be reproduced the best plays, and so our histrionic culture will be finer, truer and more dignified.

OMEGA.

## TWO THETAS IN GERMANY

The train pulled out of the station. At last I was on my way to Germany, the land of my dreams. The little group of friends waved their last farewell, and as they gradually disappeared from sight, Europe suddenly became less to be desired, and home the most attractive spot on earth! On sped the train—over the Detroit River, through Canada, down the shores of the beautiful Hudson River, and at last to New York. The day of our sailing was bright and clear. At the dock all was confusion of hurrying passengers, luggage brought at the last moment, and final farewells. Suddenly rings out the order, “All ashore, going ashore,” the gangway is pulled up, the big cables are loosed from their moorings, the engine begins its chug, chug, and the big steamer slowly backs from the harbor. The band strikes up “America”—and amidst cheering and a flutter of flags and handkerchiefs, we are off.

The days on shipboard are like a dream. The bugle rouses one in the morning and calls one to meals. One reads a little, sleeps a little, talks a little, and dozes off again, and the day is over.

One morning I awoke with a queer sensation—at first I could not imagine the cause, then came the realization that all was quiet, the engines were not running, and we were at anchor. I tumbled hurriedly from my berth, and to the port hole, eager to see this strange world whither I was bound. I scarcely know what I expected to see—I know I anticipated something very different from my own country—but what first met my gaze was a huge sign in English, “Use Nestle’s Baby Food!” Beyond the sign lay a stretch of beautiful green country, little red and green houses making bright splashes of color on the landscape heightened by a thatched roof here and there. Wind-

mills with great flapping arms like the wings of a huge bird, completed the scene, and I felt if I could only close my eyes to that ugly, staring sign, so typical of America, I could feel that I was really in Germany.

My first impression of a German train I shall never forget. The little coaches divided into compartments with their signs, "Raucher," or "Nicht Raucher," and "Für Frauen," drawn by a droll little engine, was a source of amusement, accustomed, as I was, to the larger engines and coaches of America. A short trip on this toy train took us from Port Cuxhaven to Hamburg. The Portier of the hotel at Hamburg proudly showed us the "lift", which was to carry us to the next floor—this device is like the man who made it—it is never in a hurry! Indeed no one in Germany shows any disposition to move faster than is absolutely necessary.

Hamburg is an attractive little city, but my friend and I did not remain there long, as Berlin and study were our objective points. Because of the extensive travel in Germany, "pensions" are many and comfortable. One feature of every room, the immense stove usually built of tile about three by four feet at the base and reaching nearly to the ceiling, appears awkward and strange to American eyes. "Ovens," these stoves are called, and indeed they are well named. When once a fire is well under way it keeps a room warm for hours, but it takes the whole morning for it to start. Breakfast is served between the hours of eight and ten, dinner comes about two and supper at eight. About five in the afternoon, coffee and cake are served, or if one is aristocratic, tea, for everything English is quite proper. Every true German takes a "Zweite Frühstück" between breakfast and dinner—it makes no difference where he is. It is no uncommon sight to see a person eating a "Brödtchen" on the street or in a shop. An American is always thankful for this "second breakfast," as the first one consists only of coffee and rolls. Pension life is more homelike and interesting than hotel life,

for one comes in closer contact with different people of all nations.

In Berlin is an "American Girls' Club" which any American girl may join for a small sum. Here is a small but well selected library, and a pleasant reading room. The membership fee entitles one to the use of these and makes one a member of the literary society. At a reception given to our recent Ambassador, Andrew D. White and his wife at this club, I spied a Theta pin. I rushed to the girl and gave her the grip before I could find voice to say a word, so great was my joy. She looked at me in utter amazement, as she had not noticed my pin. When I could find voice to speak I explained, and we enjoyed a pleasant little chat about affairs fraternal. A college girl realizes the meaning of her fraternity pin and thinks she appreciates the privilege of wearing it, but I know I never fully appreciated mine until, far from home, I met a stranger who was not a stranger, sharing my interests, striving for a true and noble womanhood, brought near to me by the mystic tie that binds. During my whole trip I was constantly meeting people because of my fraternity pin.

Heidelberg is typically a student town. It is situated on the Neckar River, a branch of the Rhine, and partly surrounded by hills, a portion of the Schwarzwald. The University here is the second oldest in this country. The buildings are scattered all over the town, which arrangement is typical of all German Universities. Ten girls were in attendance when we were there, as it has only been of late years that women have been admitted with rights equaling the men's. The German class room is the only place where I have seen the easy-going German appear to be in a hurry. By the time the first gong sounds, the students begin to assemble for class, and fifteen minutes later when the second gong sounds, every one is in his place. Presently, perhaps five minutes after the second gong, the door opens, and enter Herr Professor with overcoat on his arm and hat on his head. The students greet him with a loud stamping of feet, and be-

fore this noise has died away and while he is yet walking from door to desk he begins—"Meine Herren—und Damen." Talking all the time, he walks to his desk, removes his hat, seats himself and proceeds to talk even faster than before. The moment the closing gong sounds he is out of his chair, across the room like a flash and bowing himself out of the door, almost before his last sentence is out of his mouth.

My friend and I visited one school where the instructor seemed very anxious that we should hear a certain class. We followed without success several students who were droning over a lesson, word after word pronounced in a halting, monotonous fashion, not a syllable of which could we understand. At length the smiling teacher approached—"You understand?" he inquired, "they read English." I appreciated at once the feeling a German must have could he appear at some of our American schools where a German class is reciting. It is a matter of mutual comfort that our German could not be any worse than their English.

Every city of Germany is full of soldiers—soldiers, soldiers everywhere. They are very interesting in their bright hued uniforms, but somehow they give one a sense of dependence. Young America feels it in the very air. The railroad officials, the policemen, all in the employ of the government are very assertive and many times overbearing. Even in the street cars are posted placards announcing how many persons may be seated in the car—none are allowed to stand—and how many may stand on the platforms; and nothing on earth would induce a conductor to stop a car if all the "Sitzplätze" were filled.

Germany and the Germans are exceedingly interesting and I enjoyed my trip among them, but I felt a sense of joy and relief when once again I stepped on the wharf at New York. There was the grand old American flag—the most beautiful in the whole universe—waving a welcome home, and I was again in the land of freedom.

"Let me acclaim the land I name,  
My own United States."

ELIZABETH M. COLE, Pi.

SEDANSTRASSE 28, HANOVER, GERMANY,

January, 1904.

MY DEAR THETAS:

Just back from a ten days' visit to Berlin and Dresden, I proceed forthwith to get my promised letter off to Kappa Alpha Theta before the regular work of lessons begins again. Berlin was almost like a taste of America again. At our Pension, English was spoken and the meals were quite in American fashion. How our hearts did warm to encounter real baked beans for supper the first night, instead of the inevitable pink sausage of the German supper-table!

I had expected Berlin to seem about like Chicago for noise and multitudes. Our little Hausfrau had told us how it always gave her a headache with its rush and confusion. But the rush seemed very mild and orderly to us for so large a city. Happily for the Germans, it would be constitutionally impossible for them to rush and roar in true New York or Chicago fashion. Berlin makes a magnificent architectural showing. Everything is modern and sculpture is most lavishly employed in the adornment of all the public buildings and some of the business blocks.

In the National Gallery we saw the original of Countess Patocka, that has been such a favorite in recent years. It is a pastel in very delicate colors, and is kept covered with a thick curtain from the daylight. The artist is unknown. The palaces were of the greatest interest to us. We saw the Imperial residence first, which was fortunate, because we liked it the least of them all. It was overlaid with decoration and produced the unsatisfactory impression of a museum. One room had a whole side wall covered with massive pieces of gold and silver plate, gifts to the royal house. It was a dreary display of magnificence, for they had never been used and will simply hang there as a token of the Kaiser's wealth forever, unless the precious metal should be needed sometime in stress of war or famine.

But it was in Potsdam that we saw palaces that seemed like homes where cultivated people could live in comfort.

The furniture was dear—all Louis XIV style, curved backs and legs, the walls covered with silk, put on smooth just as we would use wall paper. So many of the exquisite inlaid tables and cabinets and writing desks I wanted to take away with me. The floors, too, were exquisite; inlaid wood about as highly polished as our pianos at home. We skated about over them in enormous felt slippers provided for the purpose, primarily to save the floors, but possibly with an afterthought for the safety of the visitors.

Frederick the Great's own little cottage castle, Sans Souci, one story high and built after his own designs, was the most interesting because it was permeated with the spirit and personality of its owner. The dining and concert halls look exactly as they do in Menzel's paintings of the dinner party about Frederick's table, and of the private concert where Frederick is playing the flute. A quaint little spinet stood in the music room, and a chest where Frederick kept his music. In his living room where he died, is a marble study of his last moments. He sits leaning forward in his chair taking a last look at the garden and park, with two of his dogs huddling close to him. He wanted to be buried out there in the garden with his dogs. He said that in the end they proved his most faithful friends. But naturally such a wish was utterly incompatible with the German sense of propriety, so they have him laid in the gloomy vault in the Garrison Church, side by side with his father, who was perhaps a little worse to him than any of his other enemies.

In Berlin we heard Miss Farrar, the American girl who has made such a remarkable success in operatic singing. She is beautiful and has a thrilling voice. "They say" she dines every week with the Kaiser, and the Crown Prince is madly in love with her! We barely missed meeting the Emperor and the two princes in the park at Sans Souci where they were out walking just at the time we were in the palace. The guide told us they had passed not twenty minutes before.

In Dresden we devoted ourselves mostly to the pictures, giving one morning only to an exhibition of Porcelain. Let

me tell you all, if you have not been previously apprised, that there is no "Dresden china." We went all through the exhibition admiring the beautiful china made at Meissen, but finally went to the guide and inquired where we should find the Dresden china. He explained that the porcelain factory was operated only one year, 1709-1710, in Dresden, and was then removed to Meissen. So they don't call it anything but Meissner china there, and he hardly knew what I meant when I asked for Dresden china.

You will see I am saving the best to tell you last, for in the Dresden Gallery, besides seeing the beautiful original of the Sistine Madonna, we met two Kappa Alpha Thetas from my own beloved Eta Chapter, Charlotte Bissel and Cora Wells. It was mere luck that I had taken off my jacket and they spied my pin, and it did warm my heart not only to hear familiar names on their lips in this remote region, but more, to meet two such fine types of Theta. You can't know what a help and comfort it was to talk to some one else who was trying to learn German, and to see how they are going about it. We have been almost exclusively with German people and have gotten rather accustomed to considering ourselves stupid, because we can't give expression to one quarter of the intelligence we possess, in this exasperating, unreasonably difficult tongue. But when we talk with other English speaking students we have the balm of fellow-feeling in our difficulties.

Here in Hanover, we have a very uneventful but interesting life. We live with the family of a Postoffice official, people in very good standing. The Frau is an unusually attractive woman, but like most of the German women, as far as our observation can discern, almost devoid of intellectual interest. We go to the cafés and winter gardens with them and to the opera.

We expect to go further south in March or the first of April, probably to Stuttgart, and from there shall make

tours through the most interesting places in the south—Munich, Nuremburg and the Rhine cities.

With New Year's greetings to Kappa Alpha Theta and with special love to Eta, Alpha Gamma and Epsilon Alumnae, I am yours cordially in Theta,

EDITHA L. DANN,  
Eta.

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### THE GIRLS WHO WEAR THE KITE

(Tune: "There's Music in the Air.")

There's many a winsome maiden displays the jeweled key,  
There's many a true heart beating 'neath the badge of Alpha  
Phi;

Crescent, anchor, Delta's three,  
Each claim lassies fair to see,  
But there are none so dear to me  
As the girls who wear the kite.

There's many a bright hour passes in ramble, drive, or call;  
There's many a gay laugh echoes through campus, grove, or  
hall;

Happy moments oft befall  
In picnic, row, or college ball,  
But, oh, I spend the best of all  
With the girls who wear the kite!

There's many a cloud of trial beneath life's glowing sun;  
There's many a good deed waiting till by my hand begun.

May my race be bravely run,  
Every battle nobly won,  
So I may hear a proud "Well done"  
From the girls who wear the kite.

ALICE CRITTENDEN DERBY,  
Mu, '92.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER—ALPHA DISTRICT

As we met to celebrate the birthday of our fraternity, on the twenty-seventh day of January, what a keen gratification there was for us all in the realization that other joyful bands are gathered, in multitudinous spots of our big country, all the way from ocean to ocean, to rejoice with us in our ever-enduring, ever-expanding bonds of Theta sisterhood.

Thirty-four years of life, and what a transformation! From one chapter of four girls, to twenty-three active, thirteen alumnae chapters, and over two thousand members. A growth of which we are much, and the more deservedly proud, as we recognize how splendid and strong is this long line of Theta offspring. We believe, indeed, that not even Roosevelt, in his most strenuous desire for the survival of the race, could find fault with such a record.

But, great as has been the external growth of the fraternity, not the less remarkable has been its internal development. With the same clear, undeviating principles as our guide and inspiration, modifications have been made in our Constitution, in our form of government, and in our policy, to meet the changing demands of years.

It does not seem fitting, however, on this anniversary, that we should rest content in satisfied contemplation of our past proud achievements; rather let us cast a thoughtful look at the demands which the present makes upon us, that our future may "copy fair our past."

Comparatively speaking, few of us, perhaps, are familiar with the problems the fraternity has solved in days gone by, and not many more give thought enough to the problems which the fraternity faces, or should face, to-day. For the "old order changeth, yielding place to new," and, with an organization, as with a nation, the greater its growth, the more pre-eminent its position and influence, the more difficult

becomes its government, and the more serious its responsibilities. In the course of this year there will be presented to the chapters for their vote, the revised form of the Constitution, and to the consideration of the amendments should be given the earnest attention of every chapter, active and alumnae, not alone to vote on what is presented, but themselves to present new solutions of vexed questions.

At the outset, I would make a plea for business methods. The very growth Kappa Alpha Theta has attained will complicate its future development, unless we perfect our business organization to meet the day's ever-increasing necessities. We need more explicit business methods to expedite and to regulate the conduct of affairs at conventions, and to facilitate the action of our executive body between conventions. Suggestions along these lines will follow the constitutional amendments, but it were well if the chapters themselves would seek to discover means of perfecting our business machinery, of expediting our dealings with applying groups and of generally simplifying modes of procedure.

Side by side with our business organization comes the problem of finance. The dignity of the fraternity requires that we stand on a sound financial basis, but our fundamental principles require, as well, that membership in the fraternity should never become a financial tax on the individual, that it should remain impossible for monetary considerations to prompt a resignation. The constant growth of our fraternity, particularly the rapid growth of our alumnae chapters, complicate this problem, but its equitable solution is of paramount importance to-day. How can we keep the whole edifice sound, without over-taxing its parts?

The last report of the Grand Council presents another matter for chapter consideration. In Alpha district alone, during the last five months, there have been *seven* applications for charters. When a fraternity attains a national position that elicits such increasing demands for admission, it seems imperative, in fairness to ourselves, as well as to petitioning bodies, that we should clearly define our policy of

expansion. In many cases the cause of these applicants has found supporters among members of their faculties, and even presidents, who, recognizing the influence wielded by Kappa Alpha Theta, seek its introduction in their institutions. In what spirit shall we meet these pleas? How shall we generously share the blessings we possess, yet maintain our own high standard? Under present conditions the fate of these applications is largely in the hands of the council—a body whose personnel changes bi-ennially, sometimes completely. Should there not be a more explicit and stable policy to direct their decisions—a policy broad enough to cover the demands of our vast country, noble and rigid enough to keep us ever secure in the position we hold today? The council is the servant of the fraternity, whose will it would obey, but this will needs more precise expression. What kind of colleges and universities do we want to enter? What educational, as well as numerical standard must they satisfy? What uniform qualifications do we require in applying groups? If every chapter, active and alumnae, would formulate its ideals, and confer with the extension committee of its district to submit these as constitutional amendments, the council might find guidance in instances of doubt and indecision, while oftentimes it might be that applying groups would escape thereby weary months, and sometimes years, of suspense, with but a disappointment at the end.

The question of expansion leads naturally to another, more delicate still, that of contraction, if it may be so called—the withdrawal of charters. Just as colleges, that were small and insignificant thirty years ago, have grown into leading universities to-day, so some institutions that seemed soundly established in times gone by, may deteriorate, through diverse causes, with the usual accompaniment of a withdrawal of the best class of students. In either case, or in both, what shall be done? Shall anything be done? This question, even more than that of expansion, needs definite provisions and directions for action. No council could relish the task of recommending the withdrawal of a charter from a chapter,

that has escaped the censure of its predecessors, yet should there not be constitutional directions for the withdrawal of charters from chapters, which, while not violating the constitution, are either in colleges of poor standing or themselves fail to maintain the best ideals of Thetahood? All the builders of our past glory are unspeakably precious to us, every chapter is a loved link in our Theta bonds, but, that which is more precious than any link, however dear, is the integrity of our whole beloved chain. If a link be weak—past mending—it is a menace to the fraternity, it detracts from our standing without, it impairs the spirit and unity within. To be sure, loyalty would prompt a willing resignation in such cases, but what if this self-sacrifice be lacking? 'Tis the part of wisdom not to await emergencies, but to forestall them.

It is truly a glorious past that we review this year, a splendid movement onward, upward, but let it not make us vain-glorious and blind to the watchword of success—unceasing readiness to meet every exigency, to profit by every opportunity. With the ideals that have led us to this anniversary planted deep in our hearts, keenly appreciative of the benedictions they bring, let us build about them fresh bulwarks to meet new perils, that we may pass on unimpaired to other generations of college women, the standards that have been an inspiration to us in undergraduate days and through life.

AURELIE M. REYNAUD,  
President Alpha District.

# Διαλεγώμεθα

## The Theta Ideal

The Theta ideal seems to recognize certain facts and certain principles of conduct which we accept and to which we bind ourselves upon taking our oath of membership. That which unites us is no mere social bond, entered into for the good times it offers, to be disregarded whenever it conflicts with our enjoyment. To me it is, and I believe it was so meant to be by the founders, one of the three sacred compacts made during a woman's life, and secondary only to her religious and marriage vows.

The beautiful, solemn words of our initiation service should impress this indelibly upon every one who hears them for the first time, and each repetition should fix them more deeply in mind. It was for the sake of building a nobler, finer type of womanhood among college girls that Kappa Alpha Theta, the first of women's fraternities, came into being. Only in so far as she fulfills that aim is her continued existence justified. Like the Round Table knights of old, her charter members swore to uplift purity and truth; to scorn ignoble thoughts and deeds; to love and cherish one another for the good that each possessed, and to join hands and hearts in one common, united effort toward their own and the world's betterment.

Such was the legacy they handed down to us. They were not women who spurned life's pleasures or wished that we should ignore the gayeties which are a college girl's by right; but they knew that first of all in importance, because upon it true pleasures really hinge, is the character. What a girl is in her college days determines with fateful sequence what

she will be in after years, and how much of attainment and satisfaction life will bring to her. An earnest, sober effort toward perfecting in herself those qualities which she knows to be most admirable will bear, inevitably, the fruit of an affluent, influential personality, just as a careless drifting with the current of selfish impulse will result in a flimsy character which can exert no controlling force upon the circumstances of her life and add no richness to the store of the world's visible good.

The rank of a fraternity among its fellow institutions depends upon the innate traits of the individual members composing it. Not one girl in the chapter or any chapter can be weak in her sense of honor; can be petty and trivial in her interest; can be lax in the performance of college tasks; can be narrow and ungenerous in recognizing justice and merit wherever found; can be coarse and tawdry even in the rarest moments; can be boisterous and uncouth in her manners; can be self-centered and indifferent toward one or all of her sisters; can be flippant and careless with regard to fraternity secrets, great or small,—can, in short, be anything less than the truest, most conscientious, most charming and agreeable, most intelligent and most inspiring young woman that her aspiration has ever pictured, without lowering the rightful standard of her chapter and stealing from it a measure of its well-being. It is not lavish entertainments, it is not elegantly furnished rooms or popularity with the men, or even brilliant scholarship alone, desirable as these all are, which can give a chapter or the fraternity at large its valued prestige; it is the individuality of the girls themselves, judged by their degree of approach to a standard of refined, cultured, useful womanhood; that which we call the Theta ideal.

ALICE CRITTENDEN DERBY,  
Mu, '92.

### The Transfer

By One who Knows.

It may have happened that, through the ever-changing whims of fortune, you have been called upon to leave the college of your choice, and to go, perhaps a continent's length, and seek a new Alma Mater. You leave the little world wherein your interests have all been centered for one, two, or even three long years; you have friends who have been very near to you; and you leave your chapter of Theta, which stands for all that is dearest and best to you.

It is hard for you to go away from it all. You know that there will be new sisters to take your place; you know that there will be new hands to do your work; and you know that if ever you do come back, things will never again be the same.

So you go away to a new Alma Mater, which is kindly, but very unlike the old. You find yourself among strangers, and you think that there will be no place for you in this new life, unless you make it through hard endeavor. You wish that you were a freshman so that you might slip in with the big, unwieldy class, and let your place adjust itself.

You know that there are Theta sisters there, who would welcome you among them, but you do not go to them at once. You hesitate for fear that they may not find you congenial; for fear that you will be a burden on their hands. If you are very foolish, you may even put your pin under the folds of your waist; and all the time you are looking everywhere for a sight of that same blessed kite. Once you do see it, and you are about to stop the owner and tell her who you are; you remember your foolish resolution, and when you look again, she is gone.

So it is for two lonely, endless days. Then one afternoon when you are crossing the campus alone, someone overtakes you, and asks you if you are the new transfer. You learn from her that she has been looking everywhere for you, and

a great happiness creeps over you. You take the pin from under the folds and proudly put it in a conspicuous place. And all this time she is telling you how wrong it was for you not to wear it, and that you should have gone to them at once.

Then she tells you that the girls are all at the hall, and you go with a queer little thrill of joy and excitement. When there you wonder why you had not gone at first. When you tell them why you hesitated, they look surprised, and cannot understand. They call you "the transfer," and they plan to take you driving and to give a party so that you may become acquainted.

One of them walks home with you and when she leaves you at the door of your poor, unhomelike little room, she says that you must move over with them at once. Then, when she is gone, you sit down on the edge of your trunk, and think that your heart will break, so full it is of Theta love and happiness.

TAU.

### The Pan-Hellenic Association at Nebraska

The idea of the Pan-Hellenic Association at Nebraska is purely social. The plan is to bring the fraternity girls of the University into closer contact. We do not aim at a rushing contract but only at general improvement of the inter-fraternity spirit.

Saturday evening, the association gave a dance at the Armory. Half the girls came as "men" and the other half were very sweet and pretty with their fluffy summer gowns. The pseudo-gallants wore frock coats, imposing white collars and black skirts. Programmes were made out and the dance proceeded in the regulation way. The good time proved that men are by no means an indispensable article.

The Committee of Representatives is planning another

frolic—a “stunt party.” Each fraternity is to give a play, vaudeville show or something amusing.

Every one seems enthusiastic over these meetings, and the good feeling promoted by the Pan-Hellenic organization is decidedly noticeable.

RHO.

### Pan-Hellenic of Stanford

The Pan-Hellenic Association is composed of the four national sororities represented here, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, and Alpha Phi. Its purpose is social, and to decide upon rushing contracts. There are four officers, president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Each office is held by the fraternities in succession, so that each fraternity holds an office every year. There is also an executive board composed of four members, one from each fraternity. Thus, each fraternity has two representatives. The voting is done by the executive committee.

We have several business meetings each semester and one social meeting. This meeting is usually in the form of a fancy dress party given at one of the chapter houses.

The contract for rushing is drawn up by the Pan-Hellenic Association, and is altered each year to meet the changing conditions, and, if possible, to improve upon the previous one. The contract decides the day for asking and defines the character of the rushing. Our experience with a contract has shown that it systematizes and decreases rushing to a great extent. It is kinder to the freshmen and fairer to the fraternities than no contract would be. Our Pan-Hellenic organization facilitated our decisions in regard to the set of regulations drawn up by the inter-fraternity conference at Chicago.

Pan-Hellenic as a social organization does not fulfill its mission because of the infrequency of our social meetings. One a semester is not sufficient to make us acquainted with the girls of the other fraternities.

Pan-Hellenic, however, has another important work which it accomplishes. It enables the fraternity women to stand together as a whole. In the typhoid epidemic, the fraternity women were enabled through their Pan-Hellenic organization, to render systematic and effective assistance. Not only in work such as this does Pan-Hellenic bind us together, but also in the university life the fraternity women make their united strength felt.

LENORE LORRAINE WILLIAMS,  
Phi.

### Concerning Individual Duties

Our fraternity demands a great deal of time, and it often seems that we just cannot manage to get in all the things we have to do, without slighting our college duties. There are always some members of a chapter who are willing to do the lion's share of the work, and there comes the danger of living solely and exclusively for the fraternity, to the detriment of outside interests. To live exclusively in and for one's fraternity is an evil which may lead to disastrous results both for the individual girl and for the chapter, for exclusiveness and snobbishness, toward which such a life may tend, are surely not in the ideal code of any true Theta. To work for the fraternity without, as well as within, is a part of each member's duty.

There comes, however, the other side of the question. There is perhaps too often a tendency to let the bulk of the work fall on a few individuals, and the work of a chapter demands no small amount of time and care. We are likely to slight committee work, because it is distasteful, unpleasant, and sometimes, thankless, but the truth remains that it must be done. If the tasks are divided evenly, they should not be over heavy for each girl, but if half the chapter members neglect their share, there comes the possibility of forcing a few to neglect outside interests, to slight college

work, and to seem to live only for the fraternity, from an outsider's point of view.

We often need an impetus to work, and one of the greatest incentives to fulfill fraternity duties is the remembrance first of the founders of our fraternity, and secondly, of the charter members of our chapters; what difficulties they faced, how success seemed doubtful at times, and how by earnest, united, and concentrated work they succeeded.

A love for the fraternity and desire to do one's duty in it, a love for one's college, with an aim to enter into all sides of its life, not omitting the aim for good scholarship, seems to be the true requisites of an ideal fraternity life.

HELEN W. COOLEY,  
Alpha Zeta.

#### Fraternity as a Freshman Sees It

Fraternity is one beautiful wonder. It seemed wonderful when I went to the first reception given to the class of 1907; wonderful when the pledge pin was first put on; wonderful at initiation; and its wonders are still being unfolded. To me nothing could be more beautiful than the comradeship of a fraternity. When I first came to Vermont I was particularly impressed by the bond of union that existed among the girls of Kappa Alpha Theta. How I wished I might be one of them, and when I really was a Theta, it seemed too good to be true. It means a great deal to a girl, when she is just beginning to try her wings in a college among total strangers, to know that there are girls watching her, loving her, feeling a true interest in her. All through the week I look forward to Saturday night when we will all be together again.

During a recent illness, nothing was more encouraging than a little visit from one of my new sisters. They have been such dear sisters, too! After their calls my room seemed brighter, sunnier, and life more worth living. Every freshman must live a truer, nobler, more womanly life after she has taken the vows of Kappa Alpha Theta.

LAMBDA, '07.

### The Invitation

Every girl who is asked to be a Theta, is accorded the highest honor that lies within the power of the fraternity girls. The manner of asking necessarily has considerable influence upon the reply, and the greater the dignity and reserve, the more successful will be the result. This is not the time for undignified persuasion; the one stipulation should be that the favored Freshman take plenty of time to give a reply, be it favorable or otherwise. By the time we are ready to extend an invitation, the girl is supposed to know us, and what we, as Thetas, stand for. Then let us give the invitation, and permit her to make her own decision, unhampered.

HELEN J. ALDRICH,  
Upsilon.

### Sage Chapel of Cornell University

One of the most interesting features of the present college year at Cornell, has been the reopening of Sage Chapel on January 17th. The chapel, a gift of the late Henry W. Sage, was built in 1874; and in 1883 a memorial chapel to the memory of Ezra Cornell, John McGraw and Jennie McGraw Fiske, was added; in 1898 another enlargement of the chapel was made, including a beautiful apse on the eastern side. All through the past summer, alterations have been in progress. A transept, the gift of William H. Sage, has been erected on the northern side, the organ has been rebuilt against the northern wall, and below it is the loft for the vested choir. Besides new seats and doors, a beautiful new pulpit of caen stone has been placed on the southern side of the apse and a great part of the interior has been redecorated. The roof has been richly and harmoniously colored, dull brown and olive being the predominant tones of the background, against which

appear the symbols, brighter in color but still blending with the rest. Just under the sloping roof runs a broad band of golden words—the commandments of Jesus.

Although the day of opening was one of the bitterest of this cold winter, the chapel was filled to overflowing, the aisles being crowded with people. The dedicatory services were extremely simple, but eminently fitting the time and place. Dr. Lyman Abbott, of Brooklyn, gave a beautiful sermon—the thought of which was that Christianity is more than any church and more than all the churches. Since attendance at the religious exercises of this wholly undenominational university is entirely optional and it is always full and sometimes overcrowded, this was peculiarly appropriate. We were very proud to hear Dr. Abbott say, among other things, that our chapel was the most elaborately and ecclesiastically decorated college chapel in the United States.

The last thought was this: The best feature of our chapel is that it is open not only for Sunday alone, but stands open through the week. Every day a beautiful organ recital of fifteen minutes is given, and once a week, one of an hour. After an afternoon of hard work in the Laboratory or Library, to slip into the dim, quiet chapel, to gaze at the storied windows and beautiful colors, to listen to the sweet strains from the organ is indeed a source of rest, help and inspiration.

HELEN WILLOUGHBY UNDERWOOD.

### A Cosy Corner

We of Alpha Delta have no fraternity house, for such things do not as yet exist at The Woman's College; but we have fraternity rooms near our dormitory, and we have also our beloved little cozy corner, which, by the way, is nothing more nor less than the end of the corridor, curtained off and fitted up with rug, couch, cushions, chairs, tea-table—in short, it is an ideal place in which to talk, and sing, and be

idle and cozy. Each of the seven fraternities possesses a cozy corner, and no two of the seven are alike, so you can easily imagine that this is a prominent and indispensable feature of the W. C. B. dormitory.

Ours, together with the adjoining rooms, is the scene on Friday afternoons, of quite lively teas, where you will find not only Thetas and their Freshmen friends, but also members of the faculty, and girls of the other fraternities, who, in turn, invite us to their teas, thereby fostering the good inter-fraternity spirit which exists at The Woman's College.

MABEL R. GOLDING,  
Alpha Delta.

### The Theta Cooking Class

What did we think in happy college days of post graduate work? Some of us looked upon it as a vocation, some as a necessary evil, some of us did not think of it at all. This summer a few Thetas planned a class for ourselves. In Greek, was it, or philosophy, or mathematics? Not so. We decided to take a course in cookery.

When Drexel Institute in Philadelphia opened this fall, six of us were enrolled to meet every Tuesday morning to study scientific and practical cooking. Two are married women, one is engaged and three are plain old maids (you must not forget the plain). We meet with much profit, more pleasure, and with some trepidation, I fear, to our teacher. One of us practices on two admiring children, another on a new husband, the third is adding cookery to her dowery gifts and the three plain old maids are amusing elder brothers and indulgent parents. All appreciate the value of the homely science in our lives.

Is not this the sensible way to meet together? We are busy women; most of us would hesitate to give three hours a week to a merely social gathering of Thetas, but in our

cooking class profit and pleasure go hand in hand. Moreover, we are realizing anew that the finest thing we get out of college is our college friendships.

CAROLINE SARGENT WALTER,  
Alpha Beta.

### Some Theta House Parties

Have you ever been at a house party near a beautiful lake? But of course, there could be no lake like ours set like a sapphire in the wreath of emerald hills that crown Cornell.

Our first house party was during the summer of 1899. We were ten: three graduates, and seven undergraduates. We rented a cottage at "Kidder's on Cayuga," about twenty miles from Ithaca. It was built on a high bluff about fifty feet above the lake. This arrangement afforded a beautiful view and an abundance of fresh air. The boat house was approached by a very long flight of steps. Many times daily we ran down these steps to get out the boats in which we spent the greater part of our time, but the climb up was not so easy.

Our cottage was within ten minutes walk of a little country hotel. Here we took our breakfasts and dinners, but we prepared our own suppers. This was the *greatest* fun! The supper committee had a ten-cent limit and must provide a supper for ten people for one dollar. Our staples were bread and butter, strawberries and cream. To these the committee added as far as funds permitted. We were obliged to row up the lake each day half a mile for bread and down the lake another half mile for berries. Our "ten-cent suppers" became quite famous among our friends and often we had visitors who enjoyed with us our open air dining room and picturesque table accessories.

Our next house party was in 1902. This time we were a party of seven, all graduates. We had a beautiful cottage about four miles from Ithaca, which Prof. Law and his

family had taken for the summer. He lent it to us for two weeks. This time we did all our own housekeeping, and our meals were served on the veranda. With all the rowing, swimming and walking, appetites were keen and often over a dish of beans hastily opened and warmed we would cry: "Did you ever taste anything so delicious!" The boats from Ithaca stopped at our dock twice a day and they rarely failed to bring visitors.

Have you any idea how little it costs to have such a jolly time? When we paid for our cottage, board and boats, it amounted to less than six dollars a week. When cottages and boats are given us, and we do our own housekeeping, we can live well for less than three dollars a week.

Try it, Thetas, this summer, and you will store memories that will remain green when the recollections of foreign travels and summer resorts have faded!

J. D. C.  
Iota, 1901.

### "The Incorrigible" Again

On a night not long ago, about half-past eleven, the chapter president heard sounds. Now, when one as clever, sensible and as altogether responsible as the chapter president hears "sounds," it portends something of moment. Nor were these ordinary noises such as would result from the creaking of the window, or the falling of a Latin dictionary. Our chapter president heard none of these "voices of the night." She was sure of that. It was no use to lie still and speculate philosophically and logically as to what it might have been. Immediate action was necessary. This was a crucial moment and the president's mind grew suddenly calm and clear as she formulated her plan of action.

Her room-mate, Hope, a dainty, trusting little lily-of-the-valley type of girl, was by no means so sure of herself. Rising, in semi-slumber, she vouchsafed:

"Where shall I go?"

"Into the closet, quick!" replied the president in an authoritative tone. Then with that determination bred of despair, she opened her window and cried at the top of her voice:

"Help! Help!"

Manly tones in the dark distance answered her appeal and echoed back: "Where?"

"Kappa Alpha Theta House!" shouted the chapter president, getting more excited.

Six professors, just leaving the house of one of their confrères, hastened across lots to the rescue, Dr. X. in the lead. But Dr. X., in his noble pursuit, had counted on no such opponent as a wire clothes-line. This useful bit of back-yard equipment had seen service for many months, and had consequently assumed a sagging, restful sort of position which rendered it infallible in entangling anyone, who entered the precincts of Thetadom after dark. Dr. X. ran into it headlong, with all the energy of pursuit, and was securely held. This relieved the tension of our president's mind somewhat, for her sense of humor was touched and she forgot her fears momentarily.

Dr. X. was assisted away from the obtrusive line by his much amused companions and all made a raid on the back door of the house. A very much astonished matron opened it with the query: "What do you want?"

"What do you want?" rejoined the equally surprised professors. Then the president announced over the banister that she wanted every corner of that house searched. Of course everybody was awake then and alert.

The six wise men filed up stairs. The sound of masculine voices reassured the quaking girls locked in their rooms, and the search began.

So did explanations. The president was questioned as to the particular kind of sound she heard and described it distinctly as the footsteps of an intoxicated man, probably a negro!

At this point in the conversation, a Freshman, whom we

may term "The Incorrigible," called out from behind a securely bolted bedroom door, "Why, I must have made that noise. I sat up late to study and my lamp went out, and I had to go down stairs for another."

That settled it. Our six wise men dissolved in very unprofessional mirth. The last echoes of their merry voices floated back to a much abashed crowd of Thetas. The president leaves for distant lands within the next week.

AN ALUMNA.  
Eta.

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### A PRAYER

The day is o'er.  
Fair night has spread her canopy of peace,  
And on the world a silent stillness falls,  
To which my soul awakened, feels a thrill.  
It seems to fill my very heart with love,  
And e'en my life transform into a prayer—  
Oh Lord—our God—  
In whom is wondrous power,  
To Thee, this night we offer up our prayer,  
To whom we've given the sacred name of *Friend*,  
And of whose life we claim ourselves a part,—  
To these, dear Father, grant Thy boundless love.  
Grant them a life secure, their faith renew,  
And unto each bring added strength and hope;  
That when the day is spent and night has come,  
Each heart may know the blessedness of peace.

## EDITORIALS

In this issue of the Journal will be found an account of Vanderbilt University and of Phi Kappa Upsilon, from which local fraternity was formed Alpha Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. The installation of the chapter took place on January 15th, 1904. Kappa Alpha Theta is the first woman's fraternity to enter Vanderbilt. A welcome to the new chapter has already been extended, in these pages, and the chapter letters in this issue testify to the great pleasure and pride felt in our latest accession.

Of general interest to every Theta is the announcement of the engagement of Marion Crins Whipple, President of Gamma District, to Mr. Earl Garrettson, a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. The engagement was announced at a tea given to the Berkeley Thetas by our Grand President, Ednah Harmon Wickson. Miss Whipple was graduated from the College of Social Science in the University of California in 1898, and is now head of the English department of the Lick School in San Francisco. An earnest and cheery worker for her fraternity, she has won the good wishes of every member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

The December chapter reports show Theta's active membership in college chapters to be 383, while active membership in alumnae chapters reaches 194. Eleven of the twenty-three active chapters live in houses, and three have rooms of their own.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity requires each member of the graduating class to subscribe to its journal. The idea of compulsion in subscribing to one's fraternity journal does



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not seem quite appropriate, and the ideal condition of affairs would include a voluntary subscription from every fraternity member who does not expect to return to college. We have no intention of enforcing such subscriptions, but what we do most earnestly and prayerfully beseech is this: that every Senior and prospective ex-student send, between now and Commencement (the sooner the better), her one dollar for journal subscription, with her *home* address, such subscription to begin with the November issue. It will be such a little thing to do, and yet, if it were faithfully carried out by each graduating class, just think of our subscription list ten years from now! Will every Senior please attend to this matter at once, before the rush and hurry of Commencement days begin? If any such subscribers join alumnae chapters in the following fall, their money will be refunded.

In the January issue of the Journal there appeared a new department under the title, "News from the College World." There is nothing particularly original about this department, for many of the other fraternity journals have published similar news for years. But a good thing always bears repetition, and this department should be one of the most live and telling parts of the Journal. We are constantly reminded that the existence of the fraternity depends entirely upon that of the college. Yet our chapter letters abound with descriptions of feasts, dances, and "exams," and it is only the scribe wise beyond her years, who tells of the progress of her college. Our first cry, when an application for a charter is filed, is, "What of the college reputation?" It is quite as important to know the standing of the college where chapters of our fraternity are already established, for it is admittedly true that every institution must advance or retrograde. Prominent lecturers, new buildings, the establishment or withdrawal of fraternity chapters, new courses of study,—endless are the incidents in a college history, which combine to prove its advance. The department, "News of the College World," is designed especially for this purpose,

and it is desired that each chapter editor should feel that this department requires her attention quite as much as those of personals and chapter letters. Please jot this down in the little book of "musts" for the new chapter editor!

A recent action of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity carries with it a suggestion which will appeal to many of the Greek world. By official ruling they have made the plain gold pin the *only* official badge of their fraternity, and have forbidden their jewelers to manufacture or sell any more jeweled Phi Gamma Delta pins. A suggestion has also been received from Eta Chapter, of Kappa Alpha Theta, part of which is here quoted: "I would like to see the jeweled pins abolished. The jewels overpower the significance of the pin. The plain pins are surely beautiful enough, and when one looks at them, nothing distracts the eye or detracts from the beauty of the emblem which, when jeweled, takes on too much the nature of an ornament merely. Also, if plain pins were universally adopted, there could be no shadow of rivalry or sense of unfulfilled desire in the minds of the initiates, when pur-chasing their pins." This is an idea well worth consideration; let us hear the views of other chapters.

At the Convention held last summer, it was decided that one number of the Journal should appear annually as a Catalogue. The value of having an accurate, up-to-date catalogue is self-apparent, and it is earnestly requested that every reader of the Journal, active or alumnae, offer a practical co-operation in the compilation of this Catalogue. Any recent changes of address or name which have come to your notice should be sent direct to the chapter concerned. Each chapter is expected to keep an accurate card catalogue of all its members, and the assistance of thoughtful alumnae in this work could and should be inestimable.

The May issue of the Journal will, therefore, appear as a Catalogue, and will contain no other reading matter. It is

hoped that another year, a supplementary issue of the Journal can be edited, as the time from March to November is too long for all cessation of communication among chapters, as afforded by the Journal. This Catalogue of May, 1904, will not be sent to the Exchanges.

## CHAPTER LETTERS

### Alpha District

#### IOTA — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

When Iota pulled the January Journal out of its cover, she gave a glad cry of surprise and joy, and, forgetful of the pressing demands of examination week, she immediately settled herself for an hour's delightful perusal.

Now "cram" weeks are a thing of the past, and we are enjoying a bit of a breathing spell before the festivities of Junior week. We sit about and chat, read and sew, and the midnight oil and "blue books" seem but a distant and troubled dream. We now have leisure to enjoy the skating and tobogganing; the more daring of us have attempted the difficult and fascinating sport of skeeing. A few nights ago, a merry group of girls could be heard and dimly seen on the snowy expanse before Sage Hall. The next morning, as the "eight o'clocks" came straggling up Central Avenue, they were aroused from their wonted apathy by an imposing white figure rising from the center of the snow-covered campus.

But other pleasures we have, too. Owing to the efforts of the Department of Music, Cornell students have had some rare musical treats this winter. Madame Lillian Blauvelt and David Bispham have already delighted us with beautiful song recitals.

One of Iota's pleasant memories of this year, will be the Sunday afternoon visits to the room of one of our graduates, Jane Day Cavarly, '01. From four to six, she serves us delicious tea and wafers, and in her attractive little "Sunset Room," among her choice pictures and souvenirs of foreign travel, we spend many a cosy hour. To Iota, who has no chapter-house, hours like these are very precious.

A few Saturdays ago, chapter meeting was held at the

home of Mrs. Comstock, and after the meeting we spent a most delightful and instructive evening, listening to Mrs. Comstock's account of her recent Bermuda trip and looking at her photographs and souvenirs.

As Founders' Day occurred in the midst of examinations, we could only celebrate in a simple manner. We proudly wore our little black and gold bows and in the evening held chapter meeting, which most of the resident graduates attended. Afterwards, articles on the founding of the fraternity and of Iota Chapter, were read, Theta songs were sung, then over light refreshments we discussed things past, present and future.

Our last bit of news is of our second initiation, held February 1st, when Marian Leatherman, '07, of Pittsburgh, became a Theta. After the initiation, we made merry over an informal banquet with toasts and laughter, not the least of our joy being that Harriet Bishop Rose, Iota, '03, who is now living in Elmira, was with us.

Our best wishes to all sister chapters and a warm welcome to Alpha Eta.

HELEN WILLOUGHBY UNDERWOOD.

LAMBDA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Dear Theta Sisters! How gladly we all hailed the last Journal with its rich brown cover, and how eagerly we read the different letters to hear how our sister chapters were getting on in fraternity and college life!

Just now, our thoughts all turn instinctively to our fraternity's birthday. Lambda gathered together, with a few of the alumnae, in our room and sang Theta songs, read the story of the brave girls who started Kappa Alpha Theta, drank from the loving cup, and then had afternoon tea.

Friday evening following, the Alumnae Chapter gave their annual supper to the active girls, which, this year, was a banquet in honor of the birthday of the fraternity. We had the birthday cake, with all its glory of candles, to crown the center table. The decorations were of orange

colored tissue paper, while at each plate was a little black "cat" with our names written in gilt and the dates 1870, 1904. Of course we had good things to eat and a merry time.

On January 21st and 22d, the State Botanical and Bird Clubs met here in Burlington, holding their meetings in one of the lecture rooms of the University. It was of interest to students as well as visitors. Many interesting papers were read, one being written by one of our alumnae.

The annual Sophomore Hop was given by the class of 1906, January 21, and a pleasant time reported by all who attended.

With snowdrifts everywhere about us, we can hardly think of the coming of Spring, yet by the time this letter is read, its signs will begin to be seen.

H. ELIZABETH HOLMES.

#### CHI — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Examinations are over, the second semester is here, and the long anticipated time has come when we can ask the chosen few of the Freshmen class to enter our circle. With joy and pride, we introduce our pledglings. Maud Merritt of Buffalo, Mabel Wambough of Hornellsville, Alsa Partridge of Canandaigua, Julia Whipple of Glenns Falls, and Florence Wilson of South Butler.

The Pan-Hellenic has already held two meetings, one in December and one in January. At the February meeting a constitution for the conference will be submitted.

We are indeed glad to welcome back among us Maude Millington. Besides the joy of having her with us, we are gratified that she is well enough to resume her college duties.

Chi celebrated the birthday of Kappa Alpha Theta by giving an informal party to the alumnae and to the mothers and sisters of the city girls. We heard once more of the founding of the fraternity and of the struggles and triumphs of the first days of Chi. Edith Wilson, of Alpha Beta, told us much of interest concerning our sisters at Swarthmore.

Then we gathered around the piano and sang the dear old Theta songs.

On that same night seven of Chi's alumnae were at the Gamma Alumnae banquet held in New York City. Our newest bride, Mrs. Van Slyke, was one of the seven and responded to the toast, "Theta Songs."

Our last rushing party of the year was given the evening of February 1st. The Freshmen were invited to come to the chapter house at eight o'clock. Then a Theta met each guest and invited her to attend the theatre. Guests and escorts betook themselves to the home of Matilda Alexander, where Sheridan's comedy, "The Rivals," was presented by six members of Chi. Everything, from the dainty programmes tied with black and gold to the asbestos curtain, indicated a first class performance. After the theatre lunch was served at the chapter house, where the audience were favored with a closer view of the star and her company.

And now all are looking forward eagerly to the festivities of Senior week—the informal Senior dance, the parties at the men's fraternity houses, the Glee Club concert and the grand Senior ball—and after that week is over, well, we can always study!

MARY L. COOK.

ALPHA BETA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Another two months have rolled away in amazingly short time and again Alpha Beta's scribe is at work. It seemed as though the last chapter letters were infected with the gaiety of the Journal's new dusky brown cover, of which we are all quite proud, and were especially happy and prosperous. It makes us feel a trifle Quakerish sometimes to hear of our sisters elsewhere in gay winter quarters or freshly-furnished apartments, giving huge teas to the faculty or "coming out" dances for the Kittens. Firstly, we have no rooms; secondly, we have no dances, and thirdly, we have no Kittens, alas! Though March 1st will soon be here, and we hope to tell you some secrets in the next Journal

about some pansy buds that may be coming out at Swarthmore!

We were glad to greet our district president in the Christmas holidays, some few of us, while she was visiting Caroline Clothier, '03. She extended such a tempting invitation to Alpha Beta severally or in a body to come to New York for the Founders' Day Banquet. I wonder why Betty Tipton Lindsey and the others chose to found our fraternity in the very midst of examination time! In spite of this, however, we did have a very small celebration, meeting most informally at six o'clock for a simple college "spread." The loving cup and the little jugs of pansies brought dear thoughts of Theta's birthday to us all. Just think, we are thirty-four years old and very proud of our age beside!

Many loving thoughts wander down toward Vanderbilt and Alpha Eta. If you girls could only know how glad and proud we Yankees are of our new Confederate sisters! Best love to everybody who wears the Kite everywhere.

MARGUERITE CAMPION.

#### ALPHA DELTA — WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

As I turned the leaves of my memorandum calendar and found written upon to-day's date, "Letter due for the Journal," I could scarcely realize that it has been two months since we visited with all the chapters.

We of Alpha Delta have been very busy with our college work and play. The Senior Dramatics, the match basketball games, in which 1906 came forth champions, the terrible week of mid-year examinations have all passed by, and we are now working in view of "pledge day," which is the twelfth of March. There is beginning to be an undercurrent of excitement among all the fraternities. Our inter-fraternity contract limits us to one large function. We have planned this to be a play, "Mr. Bob," to be followed by a banquet.

Each week there are "spreads," chafing-dish parties, and suppers, at which not more than four fraternity girls are

permitted to be present with the Freshmen. Theta gives a goodly share of these "stunts," but we will be glad when once again we can *all* get together, and sing our songs and give our toasts in praise of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Alpha Delta received as a Christmas gift a set of dishes with the monogram *K A Θ* on them from Anna Dease, '03, of Pittsburg.

College affairs are also interesting to us now. We have been offered several splendid courses of lectures by the different professors this year. Among those most enjoyed was the course on Art History given by Dr. Troelicher.

The Juniors are working over their play to be given the last of February. We are glad to say that two of our chapter have been given important roles. Preparations have also begun for the Junior Banquet which is given each year to the Seniors.

Alpha Delta sends hearty greetings to all the chapters and especially to the new little sister chapter at Vanderbilt.

MARY ANDERSON HOUGH.

#### ALPHA EPSILON — BROWN UNIVERSITY.

On returning to work after the Christmas holidays, the general attention of Brown's students was directed toward a series of pre-Shakespearean plays which the alumnae of the Women's College of Brown University have been getting up to raise money to build a gymnasium. The first plays of the series have been presented, so that those of us who took part, have had time to look forward to Founders' Day with some pleasure. We celebrated January the twenty-seventh by wearing black and gold ribbons pinned with our badges, and by a Theta party at the home of one of the alumnae. We recalled the history of the founding of the fraternity and of the founding of the active and alumnae chapters.

SARA DEVEAUX PACKARD.

#### ALPHA ZETA — BARNARD.

We of Barnard are just emerging from the mid-year ex-

amination period, and have little of interest to write about excepting Founders' Day, for January is a month rather devoid of interesting happenings.

Unfortunately for us January 27th came in the midst of examinations, and several of our number were unable to attend the banquet given at the Park Avenue Hotel. Those who were present spent a very enjoyable evening, one of the most interesting features being meeting other Thetas. Besides Alpha Zeta and Gamma Alumnae, there were several out of town Thetas, among them Caroline Comly, our Journal editor, and Mrs. Van Slyke, née Lucille Baldwin, editor of the song book.

The second term opens with several social functions promising a gay two weeks before Lent. The Junior Ball on February third is the event toward which most Barnard girls are now eagerly looking.

February 29th is our asking day. With six fraternities competing, the rushing has been more strenuous than ever before, and has touched a large percentage of the Freshmen class. We hope that some arrangements can be made for next year by which rushing may be limited, or the period of rushing shortened by making asking day about two months earlier.

We heard with great joy about Christmas time, the news of the initiation of our new Theta sisters at Vanderbilt University. We send a hearty welcome and best wishes for success to each and every Alpha Eta.

HELEN W. COOLEY.

### Beta District

#### ALPHA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

How happy we were when we learned of our new chapter at Vanderbilt! Here's a loving greeting from Alpha to Alpha Eta!

Here we are writing our last letter to the Journal, and only half of the year is gone. How I wish I could push the

curtain aside and, looking ahead a few months, tell you now of all that the spring brings to us at De Pauw; of the walks to the "Springs," the drives to Eel River Falls, and the old "Half Way House;" of the Junior Prom, and the annual Senior Reception at the President's Home; all closing with the whirl of Commencement week when some of us will enjoy the gayeties for the last time and will bid farewell to our dear old Alma Mater! But I must not anticipate.

We are in the midst of our term of hardest work; consequently our social functions are not very prominent. The poor Freshmen (and some of the upper classmen) are groaning over the tasks set by the Educational Committee for the March examination. The first week after the holidays, our Freshmen, following a time-honored custom, entertained the chapter. One morning, without a word of warning, each girl received a telegram which read:

"Meet Freshmen this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Theta House; dressed for drive.

By Order of Committee."

Promptly at the hour specified, thirty-eight laughing, joyous Thetas, active and alumnae, were snugly tucked into two bob-sleds, and off for Mt. Meridian, nine miles away, for supper. And what a supper! The Freshies had arranged tiny yellow kite-shaped place-cards tied with black ribbon, each with an original personal limerick on it. These were read aloud at the table, causing a great deal of merriment. After supper was over Stella Worthington, a Freshman, as toastmistress, started the loving-cup, with a beautiful, stirring speech. Some of the responses were very bright and quite original. We all agreed that it was the most "Theta-like" affair that Alpha had ever enjoyed.

On January 27th, we arranged a joint celebration of our thirty-fourth birthday with the alumnae chapter. We wore the black and gold, all day, and in the evening had a luncheon at the chapter house. Sixty loyal hearts toasted Theta as the loving-cup went around. We received a number of beautiful gifts for the house.

This term there has been an innovation at De Pauw, or rather, a return to the Sunday afternoon sermon or lecture. Once a month in the College Chapel, President Hughes will lecture at a University service. This service bids fair to become very popular with the students and town people.

In a few days the State Oratorical Contest will be held in Indianapolis. De Pauw has won so many times that we shall go to the contest with all confidence, and will take a large delegation to support our orator. The Zeta Alumnae are planning to give a tea for the visiting Thetas.

We have had some interesting basket-ball games this season, and are especially proud of our victory over the State University team.

RUTH BAKER.

BETA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Thetas: First let me tell you about our birthday dinner. Three years ago we first invited our alumnae to celebrate the anniversary with us, and the dinner proved so enjoyable that since then on the Saturday nearest the twenty-seventh of January, we have repeated the invitation and hope the custom will never be discontinued. Last Saturday about fifty members of Beta Chapter, old and young, after numerous toasts, ranging from grave to gay, passed the loving-cup from hand to hand, singing "Viva la K. A. T." After dinner we had fraternity meeting and an informal chat, during which a letter from Miss Louise Goodbody was read, telling us of the girls at Swarthmore. Then five of the girls most cleverly presented "A Box of Monkeys."

A truce has been declared in the social war which raged in the fraternity world here last term, and things go on much as before, except that the fraternity girls have signed an agreement not to attend dances or other social functions, except on Friday and Saturday nights, and to stay not later than twelve o'clock. According to an established custom at Indiana University, the enforcement of this rule is entirely in the hands of the girls themselves, and they have always

proved worthy of the trust. Another innovation is the report of the class standing of each girl, which is submitted to the chapter twice each term by the dean. This is the revival of a custom abandoned some years ago, owing to the opposition of the faculty. We believe that the results will be very satisfactory.

We are very proud of the dramatic ability of two of our girls, Edistina Hendrix and Jessie Spann, who scored a hit in "A Box of Monkeys," given before a small audience of the English faculty and invited guests. They were both admitted to membership in "Strut and Fret," the college dramatic club. As a rule very few new girls enter the University during the winter term and there is very little rushing. This year, however, we are glad to present our two initiates, Greta Wynant, of Anderson, and Elsa Emmerick, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

MARGARET SNODGRASS.

EPSILON — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Hurrah for the cat!  
Hurrah for the cat!  
Hurrah for the cat spelled K. A. T.!

Isn't this a "song" worthy of the small brother of Theta? The beating of a tin pan adds much to the rhythm, too, as the small boy rouses the neighborhood with his noise. Isn't it a good thing that our brothers begin so early to recognize the value of our own fraternity? May they never be ashamed to own their relationship to us and may Epsilon ever be proud of its loyal little brothers at home!

On Thursday evening, January twenty-eighth, Martha Sanborn, the sister of a junior Theta at Wooster, was initiated at the home of Margaret Platter. About fifteen alumnae were present at the initiation, among them Mrs. Fred Mullens of Salem, Ohio, Mrs. Mabel Saybolt McMillan of Dayton, and Mrs. Miller of Cuyahoga Falls. After the initiation they were given a reception by the active chapter.

On Thursday evening, February eleventh, the chapter

gave a six o'clock dinner at the home of Laura Fulton, in honor of its friends. Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Harriet Conley of Cleveland, Miss Christian Sturgis and Miss Nelle Patterson of Mansfield, Ohio, and Miss Eunice Chandler of Rochester, Pa.

In this last letter of the college year, Epsilon sends best wishes to the entire fraternity, and especially to the new chapter just established at Vanderbilt. May you all live long and prosper!

GRACE HUNTER.

ETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

With the month of February is ushered in a variety of things of interest to our little college world. The examinations are followed, as a sort of compensation, by the Junior Hop, which is the most interesting function of the year. Several of the girls of Eta Chapter are coming back for the Hop. But the time is so limited and so much is crowded into the three days, that one thinks of it afterwards as a sort of dream.

The University suffered a great loss this year in the death of Mrs. Angell, the wife of our President. She has been the center of social life in Ann Arbor so long that she will be greatly missed.

Just now the track team is occupying most of our attention, and we are looking forward to some very interesting meets, particularly the one with Cornell. It is always our sacred duty to beat Cornell. Our director of athletics has just returned from the East, where he has been trying to arrange a football game between Michigan and one of the Eastern colleges. This is the dream of every Michigan student. But the East is wary and does not wish to risk a possible defeat at the hands of the West. So far we have not gained the promise of the game we all desire so ardently.

In common with the rest of the country, we have had a white winter. An ice-storm has coated every branch and twig. Anything more beautiful than the campus just now

cannot be imagined or described. Ann Arbor boasts as many hills as Rome and coasting has been the favorite amusement all winter.

Eta celebrated Theta's birthday this year by presenting a big library chair to herself. With the birthday presents of several years, and those given each spring by departing Seniors, besides other gifts, we own a great deal of furniture. Our ambition now is to own a house in which to put it. This is now appearing as a probability instead of a possibility.

We are beginning the new semester with rather heavy hearts, for two of the girls have had to leave us unexpectedly. Zella Fay has gone to her home in Los Angeles. She could not complete her Senior year, owing to ill health. Bess Cantwell also returns home after examinations. But the silver lining to our dark cloud is the return of Alice Randthaler of Chicago.

MABEL MASON.

MU — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Through three months of steady rushing, two weeks of suspense and anxiety during the Christmas vacation, another week of more heated rushing at the opening of the term, we have plodded and toiled, steadily but triumphantly. Monday, January the eleventh, was asking day, and what a relief it was to have our tongues loosened after a silence of three months, required by an inter-fraternity contract! What a load lifted from our troubled minds, when six girls pledged themselves to Kappa Alpha Theta by putting on the black and gold! Two weeks later they wore the kite, and are here introduced to the rest of their Theta sisters, as Hattie Johnson of Jamestown, N. Y.; Beth Martin of Kane, Penna.; Iva Berkey of Ligonier, Penna.; Nelle Fitzgerald of Marionville, Penna.; Margaret McLaughlin of Corry, Pa.; and Katherine Adams of Meadville, Penna. Initiation was held Saturday evening, January the thirteenth, forming our only celebration of Founder's Day.

During the last week of rushing season, our alumnae

helped us entertain two or three hundred of our college and town friends by a reception, given between the hours of five and eight, at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Smith, whose spacious house afforded ample resources for the affair. Supper was served in the dining room, which had been artistically decorated with flowers and festoons of black and gold paper. Coffee was served in the den, a spot made exceptionally pretty by Oriental hangings, subdued yellow lights, black and gold decorations and numerous Kappa Alpha Theta emblems. Each person upon leaving the room was tagged with a little cardboard representation of the Theta badge.

At present great preparations are being made for the Washington Birthday dinner, which is an annual affair and the largest social function of the college year.

LETTIE JOHNSTON.

#### PI — ALBION COLLEGE.

We have all come back from our Xmas vacation feeling refreshed and ready to go in for hard work again, though we have sprinkled in some mighty good "play-times." Soon after the beginning of the term, Hazelle Penoyer, one of our girls whose home is in Concord, a town about twelve miles away, and Mr. Dixon, a Delta Tau Delta, entertained all Deltas and Thetas at Hazelle's home. We drove out in hayracks and most assuredly we did enjoy ourselves. We started in time to get there for supper and sat down at two long tables, heaped high with what country newspapers love to call "a bountiful repast." Keith Ransom being the wife of our Art Inspector, we have our chaperones right in the fraternity, you see.

On the ninth of January, the Delta Tau Deltas gave their annual sleighride to Tekonsha, the home of an alumnus, Mr. Frank Allen. Since Tekonsha is over twenty miles from Albion, we took the trolley from here to Marshall and then the remaining twelve miles in cutters. The snowdrifts were piled so high that it was with great difficulty that we managed to arrive at our destination. Very soon afterwards, we decided it would be impossible to try to get home that night, as we

had been five hours in going. Dr. Dickie, our president, was communicated with and permission to remain until the next day was obtained. It is needless to say that we did not regret our inadvertent house-party.

Three of our girls, Edith Bolster, Mabel Anthony and Genevieve Pope, took part in a farce given by the Ladies' Library Association of the town on January twentieth.

Soon after we came back from the holiday vacation, Belle Blowers announced her engagement to Mr. Edward Everett, of New York City. The wedding will occur in May. We are so sorry to lose Belle from our active girls, but we realize how happy she will be in her new home.

Prof. Hanawalt has come to us from Iowa Wesleyan to fill the chair of Mathematics vacated by the death of Dr. Wood.

We celebrated Founders' Day by wearing black and gold ribbon beneath our pins, and in the evening with a spread at Bell Blowers' lovely home. We invited all the "old girls," and we had two of our charter members with us and had a dear, good time, just talking and feeling happy that we were Thetas, ambitious to do something in the world toward making it better, even though it could not be a great deal.

Friday evening, the twenty-ninth of January, the Erosophean Society, a literary society of the college, had an open meeting and gave a mock trial. The hall was crowded and all were well repaid for going. The trial was concerning a breach of promise, and Keith Ransom was Miss Arabella Scroggs, the plaintiff. The witnesses were splendid and some very amusing statements were made, and we were justly proud of our Keith, who threw herself into the assumed character so well that everyone was simply convulsed with laughter. Prof. Burke, attired in a Senior's gown, was the judge, and his reading all laws in Latin was extremely laughable, especially when one lawyer, after hearing a law read so fast that it was impossible to understand a word, much less translate it, cried out in an endeavor to make a point, "Yes, your honor, it was just that last clause I was referring to."



On Washington's Birthday occurs the annual "Mock Congress." Then it is that our embryo statesmen make the old chapel walls ring, while admiring friends in the gallery applaud or sit speechless with awe at their eloquence.

On the Saturday evening before the Mock Congress, we girls of Kappa Alpha Theta intend to entertain the entire college at a Colonial Party in the Gymnasium. Our plans are not entirely completed as yet but we anticipate a splendid time. So far as we know, we are the first fraternity here which has attempted to give a party of this kind.

We are all very solicitous over the illness of Calla Wilbur, one of our new girls. We are anxious to have her well and strong again.

Pi Chapter sends her love to each and everyone of you, dear Thetas, with a special little love pat to all new "kittens."

GENEVIEVE M. POPE.

#### ALPHA GAMMA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Is it really time for another chapter letter! My calendar tells me so, but I can hardly believe it, because the weeks seem to have flown by since the last Journal appeared. So many good times for us all, during the holidays, and not a few dances since, have kept us very busy. We have three terms a year, so the dreaded "exams." were over before Christmas, and we were free to forget all our troubles, and came back again fresh for new beginnings.

Epsilon Alumnae and Alpha Gamma celebrated Founders' Day together with a spread. A feeling of reverence for the dignity of our fraternity and of gratefulness to the first Thetas, drew us closer to each other in a new bond of sympathy. These meetings with our older, more experienced sisters, help us more than they realize.

One important topic of conversation just now is our annual formal dance, to be given February the seventeenth at one of the local club houses. If it is as great a success as the last one, we will surely be happy. Other parties are on our list, as the men's fraternities here have begun to entertain

formally. All of these functions lead up to the crowning social event of the winter term—the Junior Prom, which is to be held in the College Armory, March fourth.

In the Girls' Glee Club, a new organization here, we are well represented, five Thetas being among the members. Its president, Mary Bohannon, is one of this year's initiates. At a recent meeting of "The Strollers," the University Dramatic Club, Mignon Poste, one of our Sophomores, was elected president. One college event, that is not common, perhaps, is our "Co-ed Prom." This has been an annual affair for the last three or four years, and is looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

This is the last letter of the year, dear Thetas, and Alpha Gamma sends her love and best wishes to all her sister chapters.

Alice A. Thacker.

ALPHA ETA — VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Charter Members: Alumnae—Stella Scott Vaughn, Eleanor Buford, Mamie Pierce, Monnell Pride.

Seniors—Penelope McDuffie, Roberta Du Bose.

Juniors—Louise Bang, Louise Wilson, Laura Hayes.

Sophomores—Flora Steele.

Freshmen—Marjorie Harrisson, Margery Ezell, May Belle Saunders, Rose Ambrose, Sophia Ambrose, Mary Lipe, Rachael Crook, Josephine Munford.

January 15, 1904, a date which can never be erased from the minds of eighteen happy girls, for on that day there was born, at Vanderbilt University, Alpha Eta, the youngest of Kappa Alpha Theta's sisters. As to age, we are the baby chapter, but we hope to develop and progress so rapidly in every direction that, though the youngest in point of age, we will soon rank with the strongest.

How glad we all felt when we really saw Miss Eagleson, Miss Cockins and Miss Loren, who came to install our chapter, and knew that in just a few hours we would have reached the goal we had been striving for, so long.

For three years we have looked forward to the time when we should see our college represented in Theta's list of chapters. We are proud to be called Thetas, and are proud to have Vanderbilt University, the educational center of the South, known wherever Kappa Alpha Theta is found.

We had such a pleasant surprise that day, too. Miss Branner of Stanford, passing through the city, came out to visit our University, met some of our girls who recognized her pin, and was told that we, too, were to have the privilege of wearing a Theta pin for the first time that afternoon. She met our delegate and was with us for the installation.

Two days after we became Thetas our dreaded intermediate examinations began, and Vanderbilt was truly in mourning for the next two weeks, and about the only thing heard was, "How much did you get in Math.?" or "Are the Physics grades posted yet?" We had one happy time, though. On Monday our chancellor returned from an eight months' trip abroad. You may be sure we were glad to see him, for if you knew him you would understand how much we all love him. We are so much excited now over the disposition of an estate which was willed to Vanderbilt, but for which the heirs are contending. It should be decided during the next few weeks and if Vanderbilt wins, it will mean a \$150,000 chemistry building for her.

We were all so delighted to get the Journal, for it is the first we have had since it truly belonged to us, and it makes us feel that we want to know every one of you. Since it visits homes throughout our land, perhaps there is no better place than in its pages to thank our sisters for their many letters and telegrams of congratulations and good wishes for success.

We have a little chapter house on the campus, where we have our meetings every Monday, and our spreads. Then, too, the girls who stay all day, eat their lunch there and have a delightful hour together.

On the fifteenth, Phi Kappa Upsilon passed out of existence; that is, her name but not her spirit, for we have transferred to Kappa Alpha Theta all the loyalty we felt

for her, with trebled force. As we are the only chapter in the South, it will be our privilege to make the presence of Kappa Alpha Theta felt everywhere, and we trust that wherever our girls go, the dignity of our fraternity will always be upheld.

LAURA HAYES.

### Delta District

#### DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The Theta House has been having a grand "fixing up!" It happened last Saturday when we emerged from the stress of "finals" and awoke to a sense of the dinginess of things. The den in particular looked forlorn and rusty, so we donned aprons and caps, rolled up our sleeves, armed ourselves with brooms and dust cloths and sallied forth. Down came every picture, pennant and paper, and things were cleaned until the very burlaps on the walls fairly shone. Then we brought forth all our new pillows, curtains and odds and ends, for the Thetas had had a Christmas-tree after the holidays. Some of us hung the curtains and some of us made the pillows and some of us tried our patience by hanging the pictures. The result of all our labors was the coziest, most inviting den we have ever had. The parlor and hall, too, received their share of attention, so the whole house looks fresh and inviting. Of course it wasn't because a new girl was coming to lunch that we "fixed up," but that did happen just the same! There always is a little rushing at the beginning of the second semester, but this year we have a rather self-satisfied feeling, as our active chapter numbers twenty-two.

The first semester closed auspiciously for the Thetas, for although we are not always lost in "study's maddening whirl," we usually come out at the end with creditable reports. We are studying for the fraternity examinations at present and we are also studying over another problem. We have a building fund started with which we are plan-

ning to have a house built for us and pay for it slowly. That is our dream—to have our own permanent home—and the prospects now are not unfavorable.

FLORENCE E. PITTS.

KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

So many happenings were crowded into the short weeks of December and January that it is hard to select the most important ones. The "Christmas-tree," so dear to the hearts of Kappa girls, was in honor of the house this year. It seemed wiser to bestow our gifts upon our home than upon ourselves, and consequently we find ourselves, as a chapter, richer by several pieces of old mission furniture, pictures, curtains, a jardiniere and a thriving fern. Because we had dispensed with the Christmas tree proper, we made the house as Christmasy as we could and passed a more than usually jolly evening, with a farce and later a dance.

After the holidays came the rush of spring parties, of which we have had six in four weeks, and the examinations of all varieties crowded into five strenuous days. The combination has kept us so busy that we are not sorry to welcome the new term and a fresh start, and also the approaching Lenten season. Our own party just at the close of examination week was the most successful we have ever given. We were very happy to welcome back some of the "old girls" at that time. Our birthday was, of necessity, passed very quietly by the girls of Kappa, who were on that day deep in the mysteries of finals, but the blessed day was not forgotten. The alumnae presented us with a handsome mirror to enable us to "see ourselves as others see us." May the revelation lead us to a more earnest striving after the true Theta ideal, and may every Theta of every chapter find her best happiness in following this ideal.

DARLENE DOUBLEDAY.

RHO — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Soon Rho will gather its members from far and near for the event of the year—the annual banquet. Plans are

being made for about forty guests. After the toasts we will drink from a beautiful new loving-cup presented to the chapter by the ten Freshmen of last year. It is to be engraved with a large *KAO* monogram. For a long time the chapter has longed for a really truly Theta cup, and now we have it safely stored away in the oak archive chest, our largest Christmas present. Five of the active girls will present, "I've Written to Browne," at the fraternity house, after the banquet.

The most formal party of the year, the Junior Prom., is to be held the night before our banquet and some of the "old girls" will come a day earlier for it.

Another Theta pledge to report! Emma Swezey, even though she cannot be initiated until next year, is as enthusiastic as her fellow Freshmen—and that is saying a great deal. These same enterprising Freshmen entertained the new girls of the other six sororities at a very delightful card party not long ago.

We have entertained quite a little this last semester at the chapter house. It is so cosy and comfortable that it seems selfish to keep it to ourselves, so every once in a while we take up the rugs and give an informal dance.

The house gets prettier every day. So many gifts appeared on our Christmas-tree that we feel almost opulent. Also, every year, each active girl re-covers a pillow for the house. Almost everyone has paid the "pillow tax" and now we are the proud possessors of a fresh, bright supply. There are thirteen girls in the house this year—more than there have ever been before.

Rho has copied a clever idea from Kappa. We now have Katsups, too. We have ours in the evening, the first Saturday of every month. The January Katsup was at the fraternity house. Every one had a splendid time, playing "Pit," talking over old times and singing Theta songs.

Georgia Field entertained twenty-five Thetas at luncheon, January the thirtieth. It was so near the rushing season of the second semester that it was hard to keep it a

strictly Theta function. The decorations were in black and gold with jonquils everywhere.

We have been studying, too. Last week was full of examinations and weary "cramming." Now we are fairly launched on the work of the second half-year.

Word has come to us of the death of one of our girls—Anna Edgren. Her father, Professor Edgren, formerly of Nebraska University, died a few days before his daughter. We send our sympathy to far-off Sweden to the stricken family, so far from home and friends. We must tell of the death of another Rho Theta, Katherine Weston Wing, of New York City. Her home was formerly in Beatrice, Nebraska.

ZOLA DELLECKER.

#### TAU — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

I cannot refrain from telling a little about the happy Christmas celebration at Tau. We had our tree with its presents for our hall, and although many of our alumnae could not attend on account of the miserable weather, we did not lack fun and spirit. The active chapter came in fantastic costumes; the pussy-cat, cow-boy, cavalier, belle, dancer, colonial gentlemen and Turk—all were at their best. The Freshmen with pig-tails and large gingham aprons behaved very creditably.

On the thirtieth of December Josephine Webster gave a spread in honor of our "pledges." One especially pleasant feature was having with us some of the girls who have been away at other colleges. The holidays were so very busy that we doubly appreciated getting together again.

We have started out well with our Fraternity study, that is, our outline has been posted, and the work for each week has been assigned.

During the past week a matter has come up in which we are very greatly interested. Alpha Phi, as the first sorority established at Northwestern, sent out notices for an interfraternity meeting, to be composed of an active and an alumnae member of each sorority for the purpose of discuss-

ing a Pan-Hellenic organization. As a chapter we are greatly in favor of having an asking-day and an inter-fraternity understanding, and hope that a satisfactory contract may be the result of this movement.

We were very happy when the announcement of our new chapter was sent to us. We send to you of Alpha Eta our heartiest greetings.

RUTH DALE.

UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

On the eighteenth of December, just before the college vacation, we had a fraternity Christmas tree. The Freshmen had charge of the tree and each of the upper classes furnished some sort of amusement for the rest of the chapter and the alumnae. It was our first attempt at a tree, but it was such a success that hereafter we shall have one every year.

On Founders' Day each girl wore the black and gold beneath her pin, and in the evening we gave our annual banquet. It was not quite as formal as in previous years, being held at the home of one of the girls, and the fifty Thetas who were present seemed to enjoy it quite as much. It gives a very close fraternal spirit at such a time to know that on this day all the chapters of Theta are united in this commemoration.

The girls of Minnesota are at present very much interested in a fair which is to be held soon, in order to start a fund for a Woman's Building at the University. We have no such building here and the need of one is greatly felt, and we are in hopes that this fair will at least give us a start toward one. The fair is to be held under the supervision of the Woman's League (a University organization) and from the plans which have been maturing all winter, we feel that it will be a success.

JOSEPHINE THOMAS.

PSI — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

We of Psi are in the midst of mid-year finals, and are

working our hardest. Next week, however, is Junior Prom. week, and that is in every way *the* party of the year. Several of our "old girls" are coming back, and the whole chapter will be gay.

This time we have three more Freshmen to introduce; Sadie Goe, Helen Head and Grace Gilmore, who pledged after our last letter.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, as the oldest sorority here, called the first Pan-Hellenic meeting shortly after the Christmas recess. The representatives of the nine sororities are to meet the second Monday of each month and we hope that by the end of the year, a Pan-Hellenic agreement may be completed.

A chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, which requires musical ability especially of its members, has been installed here, so that we now have chapters of all the national sororities.

Plans for the Jubilee in honor of our fiftieth commencement are going on steadily, and Commencement week will certainly be doubly interesting this year. No rule will be adopted to compel the students to remain, but undoubtedly the majority will wish to stay.

RUTH LINCOLN PHELAN.

### Gamma District

#### PHI — STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

The new year has begun sadly for Phi, with the death of Cara Stillman, '03, who lost her life in the fire at the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago. Her sister, Minna, has returned to the University and will remain here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Stillman.

We are busy in preparing a fraternity room for the reception of the archives. It is to be comfortably fitted up for fraternity meetings and for the use of the girls. All our energies are being put forth in the selection of tables, chairs, picture frames and cushions. We hope to have it completed by January twenty-seventh.

Phi is happy in presenting to Kappa Alpha Theta a new Theta, Ellen Stadtmüller, San Francisco, California. On January 27 we will initiate Katherine Clover, Los Angeles, California.

Stanford is looking forward to next Friday night when "David Garrick" will be presented in the Assembly Hall under the auspices of the Sophomore Class. Great care has been expended in the selection of costumes and scenery. The caste has been rehearsing for the past three months and we expect the play to far exceed anything which has been given here, with the exception of the Antigone and the old English Play. Frances Kerr, '04, our affiliate from Baltimore, is to take the leading role of Ada Ingots.

Our student body meetings have not been organized so far this semester. The last one which we held was very successful. Captain Young of the colored regiment of the Presidio, addressed us. The basis of his remarks was the future of the colored man. He gave all credit to manual training and Tuskegee, but felt that the negro should have his share in higher education. Captain Young himself is a graduate of West Point and the only negro who ever graduated from that institution.

During the Christmas vacation ground was broken for the new library building, the first shovelfull being turned by Mr. Lathrop, brother to Mrs. Stanford. The men's gymnasium is well under way, and the lecture rooms and offices of the new History and English buildings are opened to use.

Phi sends good wishes and a hearty welcome to Alpha Eta.

LENORE LORRAINE WILLIAMS.

OMEGA — UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Berkeley girls celebrate the return of every spring-time by keeping what we call Woman's Day. This is always the twenty-second of February. But maybe you would not call that spring. Undoubtedly you would if you could climb into our green hills with us, and come home with your arms

full of the beautiful wild-currant blossoms. As soon as you open the door, you know it is spring, by the smell of the woods which these pink blossoms bring with them.

So, in the spring-time we keep a gala day. This year our festivities are to be elaborate. On Saturday night, the twentieth, some of the girls are going to present that really good comedy, "The Jealous Wife." All day Monday we may attend basket-ball and tennis tournaments; and Monday night a colonial ball will remind us of our ancestors. At this time, also, the men intrust the publication of one of their journals to us. "The Woman's Occident" represents some of the best literary work among Berkeley girls.

In our chapter, too, there is an undercurrent of excitement. Just while I am writing we are pledging Clara Walton, of Los Angeles, who has entered college since Christmas. The Sophomores are secretly practicing a farce which they will let us see on the Saturday after Theta's birthday. Interested alumnae are asking what our home needs most, and we are all looking forward to a splendid reunion.

Through our Grand President we have already learned in a real sense to know our new sisters from the South. Welcome, dear girls, with all our hearts!

Now, on this, our birthday anniversary, we, on the Pacific, grasp the loving-cup with you on the Atlantic, while we all drink to Theta.

EDITH RUTHERFORD EVANS.

## ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

### Time and Place of Chapter Meetings.

Gamma Alumnae, New York City — 2:30 P. M. First Saturday of each month, from September to June, at Hotel Martha Washington, 29 E. Twenty-ninth street.

Eta Alumnae, Burlington, Vt. — Monthly from November to June, at homes of members.

Alpha Alumnae, Greencastle, Ind. — Second Saturday of each month, afternoon, from September to June, at homes of members.

Epsilon Alumnae, Columbus, Ohio. — 4-8 P. M. First Saturday of each month, October to June, at homes of members.

Zeta Alumnae, Indianapolis, Ind. — 2:30 P. M. First Saturday of each month at homes of members.

Mu Alumnae, Cleveland, O. — Second Saturday of each month at homes of members.

Kappa Alumnae, Pittsburgh, Pa. — Once in two months at homes of members.

Nu Alumnae, Wooster, Ohio. — No specified time.

Lambda Alumnae, Athens, Ohio. — No specified time.

Beta Alumnae, Minneapolis, Minn. — 3 P. M. Second Saturday in each month at homes of members.

Delta Alumnae, Chicago, Ill. — 10:30 A. M. Third Saturday of each month at Marshall Field's Tea Room.

Xi Alumnae, Kansas City, Mo. — No specified time.

Iota Alumnae, Los Angeles, Cal. — 2:30 P. M. Once a month at homes of members.

## GAMMA ALUMNAE — NEW YORK, N. Y.

Although sudden lack of a correspondent left Gamma Alumnae voiceless in the first two issues of the Journal, she now sends greetings redoubled in cordiality, and wishes in the very first instance to announce that she will be at home this winter at 2:30 the first Saturday of each month, at the women's hotel of New York, the Martha Washington, 34 East 13th street. It is the earnest desire of the chapter to greet all alumnae Thetas who are spending any time, however short, in the city, and as it is frequently impossible to do so by direct invitation, we beg that, should you be in New York, out of your own large-heartedness, and relying on our eager welcome, you will come to us without ceremony.

Already the guest lists and roll books of the past few years show an encouraging variety of representation. This year in particular is fortunate in bringing together members from at least seven active chapters; for Alpha Beta, Alpha Epsilon, Eta, Chi and Lambda are numbered, as well as loyal Iotas, who formed the chapter, and enthusiastic Alpha Zetas from the home college uptown. And though in counting the gain we must also reckon the loss, happy are we that none but a kind fate has directed the latter. Anna Harrison returns to Kansas, president of Delta District, and Miss Gray, Eta, now Mrs. Hargrave, is residing in Baltimore. Very fortunately for Gamma, Florence Lippincott, Alpha Zeta, who became Mrs. Frederic Bull in October last, is living near enough New York to make attendance at the Saturday meetings possible.

Although in this respect of numbers and social interest, the prospect for 1904 excels, the variety of interests and the intensity of life in New York effectually forbids aspiration in the line of any great amount of concentrated work, and limits our utility to some trifles of practical work for the Journal.

Hearty greetings for 1904, and every wish for strength, courage and happiness we send to Thetas all, and again entreat the pleasure of welcoming you, should you be near us this winter.

MAY A. JOHNSON.

## ZETA ALUMNAE — INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

Zeta's Journal correspondent has been so unfortunate as to be detained from both the December and the January meeting of her chapter, and the report of affairs must therefore be made up for the most part, of hearsay evidence.

However that may be, we are always sure of a mutual interest in our common cause—the health, the happiness and the prosperity of Theta girls, individually, and chapters collectively.

In this respect is the Journal especially attractive and interesting to us all, for through it we realize that, though so widely separated in reality, we are all working together in our own spheres, encouraged many times, always uplifted by the mutual love and companionship, and thoroughly in sympathy with the joys or sorrows, victories or seeming defeats, of one another. We would this time especially welcome the new alumnae chapters in Kansas City and Wooster, to the ever growing circle of those whose interest and affection outlast the college days; and we wish them success and the fulfillment of all their dearest ambitions. So may we all perpetuate our best selves, under the beautiful banner of Kappa Alpha Theta.

MARGARET ASHBY TODD.

## MU ALUMNAE — CLEVELAND, OHIO.

As I enjoyed my fraternity life greatly while in college, I was sorry not to find a chapter here, when I came to Cleveland twelve years ago.

I seldom met a Theta, until last winter, four Thetas called to say that there were enough members in the city to establish an alumnae chapter, the charter for which was granted us later. This is our second year, and our alumnae chapter is a constant source of pleasure. Last year we closed with a banquet which was attended by twelve Thetas. All expressed themselves as highly gratified with our first year's work.

In a large city one has many social relations—church

societies, the college club, a literary club or two, and personal friends. Of all my social relations I value none more highly than those coming to me through our alumnae chapter. Here we meet those who have been chosen by an active chapter, and were considered desirable Thetas. In every instance we have found the chapter's choice more than good.

Our membership this year is as follows:

Josephine Barnaby, Ohio State University, '96;

Ruth Gill, Athens, Ohio;

Mrs. J. H. Griswold (Hope Erwin), De Pauw University, '91;

Mrs. Madge Armour Howard, Wooster, '03;

Mrs. Leon S. Hubble (Susie Dean), Albion, Mich.;  
Austa Beryle Kelly, O. S. U., ex-'99;

Mrs. E. G. Laughlin (Flora Truman), De Pauw University, '75;

Mrs. C. P. Lynch (Mary Virginia Miller), Allegheny, '86.

Mary Sifton Pepper, Wooster, '83;

Mrs. W. C. Phelps (Anna M. Burnside), De Pauw University, '83;

Louise Rust, University of Indiana, ex-'05;

Mrs. J. D. Turner (Basha E. Thrasher), Allegheny, '93.

Mary Grave Vance, O. S. U., '98.

From September to June we meet on the second Saturday of each month in the afternoon, at the homes of our members. The meetings have been largely of a social nature.

MARY VIRGINIA LYNCH.

#### KAPPA ALUMNAE — PITTSBURG, PA.

The members of Kappa Alumnae are still enjoying the memory of a most delightful luncheon held last month at the Hotel Schenley to celebrate "Founders' Day." It was our first big "function" (what memories of rushing parties does that word "function" bring to mind!), and everyone pronounced it a great success. Eighteen happy Thetas gathered around the table in one of the cozy private dining-rooms

—all sorts and conditions of Thetas. Thetas from the East and Thetas from the West; some just out of college, and some of us older ones to whom the memory of our college days is growing fainter and yet more rosy-hued with the passing years.

We had hoped to have with us our district president, Miss Eagleson, but she was unable to come.

A spirit of jolly good-fellowship prevailed, and no one would have believed that many of us had been strangers to one another before that afternoon. After the feast of good things with untranslatable French names, came the "feast of reason and the flow of soul." The following toasts were responded to:

The Twentieth Century Theta—Mrs. K. C. Randall, Rho.

Auld Lang Syne—Mrs. C. M. Thorpe, Iota.

Theta *Bon Cameraderie*—Mrs. Arthur Staples, Alpha Delta.

The Alumnae Chapter—Mrs. S. B. Smith, Mu.

Mrs. Smith tucked into her toast some very wholesome advice in regard to the purpose and aims of an alumnae chapter. Her little "preachment" inspired us all with a desire to make our chapter count for something, to make it a vital force in the fraternity at large.

#### XI ALUMNAE — KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

The roll-call of Xi Alumnae is answered by Thetas from Alpha, Rho, Kappa, Lambda and various other chapters, so you may know that we are a varied band and that this must needs have its broadening effect upon the aim and purpose of our chapter.

Our meetings have been of a social character, except for the slight routine business, and are held the last Saturday of every month. We have enjoyed reading the president's report and so enthusiastic were our members that it was almost impossible for some to realize that the shadow of the Alma Mater was not still hovering over them. In our meet-

ings we have decided to leave all cares of our busy life behind, for

"Care will kill a 'Kat,'  
Therefore, let's be merry."

Our afternoon tea, given at the home of Katharine Dunn, one of Kappa's most charming girls, during the Christmas holidays, reminded us of the old college motto, "Quality and not quantity." In the rush of the Christmas season, many could not do two things at once, especially as the distances here are so great and the car service not the best "since the flood." Nevertheless we had a "jolly" good time and laid many plans for the future. We had two visitors; Blanche Higginbotham, who brought greetings from Upsilon, and Mrs. Elizabeth Stone Walker of Kappa, who gave us many ideas about helping the chapter nearest us.

As our meetings are the last Saturday of every month, again we came together January thirtieth, at the home of Marie Nettleton, lately of Rho but now highly prized by us. Every one of the ten present went home rejoicing that Thetas young and Thetas old were all as loyal as ever, and all were glad a chapter and best of all, a *charter* was really theirs, for, joy of all joys, the longed-for charter came that very afternoon—this was the climax of our meeting. Then after drinking to the health of our glorious charter, we disbanded for a month.

If any Theta is visiting in our city at the time of our meeting, we most cordially invite her to meet with us, for

"Friendship's the master passion, this full well we know;  
Changed not by time or place, the same where'er we go.  
Friends are we in college, friends at home, or 'cross the sea,  
Friends for now and friends forever, friends are we."

Xi Alumnae send greetings to all Thetas and a most cordial welcome to the little sister chapter at Vanderbilt University.

NINA A. DRAKE.

## PERSONALS

### Iota

Juliet Crossett, '03, is spending the winter with her parents at 528 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York. We are hoping that, since she is so near, she will repeat the delightful visit she made us in the fall, next spring.

The engagement of Lillian Constance Swift, '97, to Dr. Martinetta-Carbo is announced.

The engagement of Elva Hulburd Young, '98, to Charles Thorne Van Winkle is announced.

### Lambda

At Christmas time the engagement of Florence Nelson, '01, to Mr. Perley O. Ray, '98, Phi Delta Theta, was announced.

### Chi

Georgia Allen, '03, of Oneida, spent the week of January 17, at the chapter house.

Maude Millington, '05, has returned to college after a year's absence, due to illness.

Helena Evans, '01, is teaching in one of the high schools of New York City.

Jessie Day, '03, is assisting in the library of the University.

Carrie Douglas, '02, of Bemington, Vt., and Eunice Pierson, '02, spent the week before the holiday vacation at the chapter house. During this same week Cora Soper, '02, Alice Cunningham, '03, Mae Baker, '03, made us short visits.

December thirty-first, at the Central Baptist Church of Syracuse, occurred the marriage of Harriet Lucille Baldwin to George Martin Van Slyke, Delta Upsilon. Laura Baldwin, '06, was maid of honor. Beatrice C. Throop, Maisa

Parker and Maude Millington were the other Thetas in the bridal party. The week before the wedding the bridesmaids were entertained at a house party. Mr. and Mrs. Van Slyke are living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Georgia Allen, '03, has accepted the position of teacher of English in the Oneida High School.

Maria Carpenter Piper, a charter member, called at the chapter house the evening of January 8.

### Alpha Beta

Mrs. Howard Cooper Johnson, née Edith Lamb, '98, gave two "At Homes" on January 20 and 21, at her new home, 6702 Cresheim Road, Pelham, Pa.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Isaac Hull, née Hannah Clothier, '91, a daughter, Elizabeth Powell Hull, named after the Dean of Swarthmore College.

Mary W. Pierce, ex-'98, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Eva Foster Webster, '98, have been visiting in Philadelphia. Mrs. Webster has become a member of Gamma Alumnae.

Alpha Beta was glad to meet Miss Hunt, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity, from Cornell, through Caroline Sargent Walter, Alpha Beta, '94, and to introduce her to her Swarthmore sisters.

Caroline Clothier, '03, entertained Aurelie Reynaud of Alpha Zeta and president of Alpha District, for several days during Christmas week. A few weeks later, she visited Miss Reynaud at her home in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Caroline F. Comly, '00, went to New York to attend the Alpha Zeta and Gamma Alumnae Founders' Day Banquet, held at Park Avenue Hotel.

Elizabeth M. Booth, '03, Edith Coale, '02, Caroline Walter, '94, entertained Miss Reynaud and Caroline Clothier on December 29th, at an informal luncheon at the home of Mrs. Walter.

The alumnae of Alpha Beta, who live in or near Philadelphia, are meeting once a month at the various homes, for

a social good time. They take their sewing and spend a cosy sociable afternoon together.

### Alpha Epsilon

Announcement is made of the engagement of Adelaide Kimball Burton, '01, and Robert Sayles, Harvard, '01.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Bertha Tucker, '99, and Howard Adams, Mass. Institute of Technology, '99.

### Alpha

Ruby Faris, '03, is in the Music School at De Pauw this winter.

Farrie Horton, '07, has re-entered college after a year's absence.

Helen G. Jones, '00, is teaching her third year in Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas. This year she is head of the German and French Department.

Daisy Haughton, '02, is taking work in the De Pauw Art School this term.

Alpha has received visits from Nora Sevringshaus, '99, Mary Stewart Morgan, '00, Edith Ravenscroft, '02, and Mary Oursler, ex-'06.

Mrs. A. L. Dorsett, Alpha, '92, now of Baraboo, Wisconsin, spent several weeks in Greencastle this winter.

### Beta

Genevieve Brown, '07, has left the University on account of sickness. She will return in the spring.

The engagement of Helen Benbridge, '98, of Terre Haute, to Mr. Harry Johnson, Beta Theta Pi, of Bloomington, Ind., is announced.

Ruth Woodsmall, '05, was transferred to Rho Chapter.

Clara Lewis, '07, of Indianapolis, will leave in May for an extended trip in Europe.

Stella Pede has re-entered the University.

We have received visits this term from Helen Benbridge,

'98, Grace Smith, '03, and Mrs. Southerland (Daisibel Hendrix), '01.

### Eta

Eleanor Rinn and Elsie Sawyer, both of '03, will visit Eta early in February.

Anna White entertained a house party at her home in the north, during the Christmas holidays.

Eta expects to entertain Mrs. Jane Eyre Smoot and her daughter, Eleanor, the first week in February. Mrs. Smoot was a member of the first Eta Chapter.

Zella Fay, '04, has left college and returned to her home in California, on account of ill health.

Una Palmer, '03, visited Anna White during the holidays.

Bess Cantwell will leave college and return to her home in Kenton, Ohio, the first week in February.

### Mu

Mrs. J. W. Smith opened her house to Kappa Alpha Theta for the purpose of entertaining, Thursday afternoon, January the seventh.

Edna Gailey and Grace Jones, ex-'06, came back to us for a short visit the first week of this term.

Ruth Townley, '03, who has been teaching in Kinsman, Ohio, has returned to her home, Meadville, to teach in the high school. We are glad to have her among us again.

Gertrude Roberts, ex-'05, has left school for the remainder of this college year. She is teaching in the Wheeling High School.

Mu is fortunate in the accession to her resident sisters of Mrs. Eleanor Carlson Trumbull, Iota, '82, whose undimmed Theta spirit is a joy and inspiration to the local chapter.

### Alpha Gamma

Edith Bell, '94, spent the holiday season with friends in St. Paul, Minn.

**Delta**

Frances Headen, who was in college last year, but has been staying at her home in Shelbyville, this fall, is with us again for the rest of the year.

Anna Pinkham, a Junior "Lib" from Wisconsin, has come to finish her course here this year.

Henrietta Pitts, '02, took a position soon after Christmas, as head of the mathematics department in the Jacksonville High School.

Mabel Davison left college about a month before Christmas and took a position in the Joliet Public Library. She is back with us now and will finish her course in June.

Minnie Parker has returned to Illinois. Her father was severely ill this winter, and Minnie has been home for several weeks.

Jane Mahan started last week for California where she will spend the rest of the winter.

Mabel Storms has announced her engagement to Mr. Harris, an attorney at Freeport, N. Y.

Frances Van Meter, of Charleston, a Theta at Woman's College of Baltimore, will visit the Delta Thetas at the time of the Phi Gamma annual.

**Kappa**

Lucy Y. Riggs is teaching German in Kansas City, Kansas, High School.

Mrs. R. O. Davis, née Marie Nelson, is now living in Kansas City, Kansas, where Mr. Davis is teaching in the High School.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alden, a son. Mrs. Alden was formerly Edna Warkentin, '00, and is now living in Kansas City, Kansas.

Louise Smith, '02, was married January first at her home in Topeka to Mr. Eugene Everett Sallee, Beta Theta Pi. They are at home in Cunningham, Kansas.

Helen Williams, '03, came from Kansas City to visit the

Thetas, and attended the Kappa Alpha Theta and the Phi Delta Theta annuals January 29 and February 1.

Anna Harrison, Delta's District President, came from Topeka for the spring party, the twenty-ninth of January.

Mary Bowen, of Independence, has re-entered the University this semester to complete her course. She is living at "the house."

Hazel Fassler and Helen Smith, of Topeka, and Maud Brown, of Independence, attended the annual, January 29th.

Anna Warfield, '03, of Abilene, spent three weeks in January with the Thetas.

### Rho

Charlotte Clark and Mr. Alexander Sheldon, Phi Gamma Delta, were married January fifteenth. They are now at home at Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Elizabeth Jeter and Dr. John Reid were married in October and have gone to Pilger, Nebraska.

Martha Post, Harriet Paul, Selma Wigginhorn, Nell Randall, Georgia Patterson and Mrs. Spencer, of Kappa Chapter, will be in Lincoln for the annual banquet, February sixth.

Margaret Loomis has given up teaching and is in Lincoln again.

Ruth Woodsmall, a Theta from Indiana State University, entered Nebraska after Christmas.

Sallie Agnew has gone to Phoenix, Arizona, for a few months for her health.

Laura Woodford, '03, is spending the winter with relatives in Alabama.

Jeannette Post, '03, visited the chapter for a few days before starting South for the rest of the winter.

Ethel Norval, of Seward, Nebraska, has given up her University work for a prolonged visit in California.

**Tau**

The engagement of Miss Ruth Merrill Kimball to Mr. John Watkinson Douglass has been announced.

The holiday season was very gay and festive. Among our happy memories are Catherine Wilson's luncheon at which all the resident members of the active chapter, together with Ruth Balmer and Virginia Miller, were present. Later came Mrs. Bennett's reception and one in honor of Virginia Miller. Florence Hoyt gave a card-party for Thetas.

Miss Jeanette Becker is visiting Alta Miller.

Anna Johnson has gone South until spring.

We are looking forward to a visit from Mary Ristine, who is coming the last of this month for "Junior Prom."

**Upsilon**

Grace Lavaya is taking post graduate work at Stanford University.

Rowena Pattee was married January twelfth, to Edward Evanson, of Spokane, Washington.

Eleanor Skinner was married February 10, to Claude Kimball, Theta Delta Chi.

**Psi**

December 17, Blanch Brigham, '00, was married to Cranford Harper. Mr. and Mrs. Harper are living in Madison.

Gertrude Young, ex-'05, Kathryn Button, '02, and Evelyn Johnson, '03, spent a week in Madison.

**Phi**

Announcement is made of the engagement of Barbara G. Hibb, '05, to Mr. Raymond MacDonald Alden, Phi Beta Kappa, of Harvard. Mr. Alden is professor in the English Department of Stanford University.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Sue Porter, '05, to Mr. Ralph Raymond Streete, of Olympia, Washington.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Maryline Barnard, '01, to Mr. Arthur French Poole, '96, Beta Theta Pi, of Stanford University.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Marion Williams announce the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Williams was Dora Moody, '97.

Dr. and Mrs. Hines announce the birth of a son. Mrs. Hines was Alice Edwards, '04.

Grace Barnhisel, '01, was married in December to Lieutenant Charles Bradford Hudson, of U. S. Fish Commission. They have gone to their new home in Detroit, Michigan.

Elsie Branner, '06, left the University in December for a year's trip in Europe with her parents.

Grace Lavayea, of Upsilon, who was with us last semester, has returned to her home in Ocean Park, near Los Angeles, California.

Elizabeth Hogue, '01, is in New York.

Mrs. Walker, from Beta, of the class of '76, visited us a few days ago.

Mrs. John Maxwell visited us on her wedding trip. Mrs. Maxwell was Lydia B. Clothier, from Alpha Beta.

## NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

A new Journal, the Wisconsin Literary Magazine, has made its appearance among the students of the University of Wisconsin.

T. Takana, who was formerly Minister of Public Communication in Japan, was a recent visitor at the University of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Stanford has recently purchased a rare collection of Venetian glass-ware, which is now being placed in the museum of Stanford University.

The Irish poet, Yeats, addressed the students of Stanford University in the latter part of January.

On the night of February 4, in the Assembly Hall of Syracuse University, Dr. Rufus B. Richardson delivered a lecture on "The Excavations at Corinth." Dr. Richardson was for many years the director of the American Archaeological School at Athens, and is considered one of the best authorities on archaeology.

In the month of January, Syracuse University received bequests amounting to a quarter of a million dollars, \$100,000 from the late John Lyman and \$150,000 from the late trustee, James J. Belden. \$50,000 of the last sum is to go to the Medical College.

Syracuse University leads all the universities in New York State in the enrollment of students in the Liberal Arts courses. Syracuse has 942; Columbia, including Barnard, has 892, and Cornell has 726. The total enrollment for Syracuse for the present college year is 2,207.

Dr. Magill and Dr. Isabelle Bronk represented Swarthmore College at the annual meeting of the Modern Languages Association of America, held with the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor on December 28th and 29th, and at Detroit on the 30th. At the former place Dr. Magill read the annual report of the Committee on International Correspondence, of which he is chairman.

Statistics recently published at Indiana University show that of the women graduates between the years 1869 and 1890 more than 70 per cent, married. In the last thirteen years the percentage has been reduced to about 30. —*Phi Delta Theta*.

The committee which will control the award of the Rhodes scholarships in America is being formed. There will be one representative from each state on the committee. Those states which have state universities will send the presidents of these institutions to act on the committee; the other states will send the presidents of their larger institutions. The following is a list of the men who will represent other states not represented by the presidents of state institutions: New York, Nicholas M. Butler, Columbia; Connecticut, Arthur T. Hadley, Yale; Massachusetts, Charles W. Eliot, Harvard; New Hampshire, William J. Tucker, Dartmouth; New Jersey, Woodrow Wilson, Princeton; Rhode Island, W. H. P. Faunce, Brown; Maryland, Ira Remsen, Johns Hopkins; Kentucky, D. B. Gray, Georgetown; Illinois, W. R. Harper, University of Chicago.—*Phi Delta Theta*.

Dr. Branner, Vice President of Stanford University, was elected President of the Geological Association of the United States, at the recent conference at St. Louis.

Alpha Chi Omega has established a chapter in the University of Wisconsin. This is the oldest musical association of its kind in America, and has seven chapters.

Thomas Dixon, Jr., author of "The Leopard's Spots," is a member of Kappa Alpha (Southern). He has recently published another book, "The One Woman."

Pi Beta Phi has established a chapter at Dickinson College, Pa., with eighteen charter members.

The seventieth annual convention of Delta Upsilon will be held in Chicago.

Dr. Edwin Holt Hughes, the new President of De Pauw University, is a member of Delta Tau Delta.

The 56th annual convention of Theta Delta Chi was held in New York City, February 20-23.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Record or Hand Book compiled and presented recently by Mrs. Minnie Royce Walker, is a concise arrangement of data concerning active chapters, inactive chapters, alumnae associations and fraternity publications, lists of officers and prominent alumnae, a brief history of the fraternity, the signification of the various fraternity emblems and insignia and an expression of the purpose, philosophy and ideals of Kappa Kappa Gamma.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*.

The first Greek fraternity of colored students in the United States has been organized at Indiana University. The name of Alpha Kappa Mu has been adopted. The total membership is ten, which includes all the colored people attending the University. A constitution was adopted and chapters will be established in all the leading negro colleges. It is expected to make Wilberforce, Ohio, the second chapter. A badge is now being designed.—*Chicago Paper*.

Kappa Alpha has five members who represent Southern districts in the House of Representatives at Washington, one of whom, Morris Sheppard, is the youngest member of Congress.

The Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, which made its début as a national fraternity two years ago, issued its first number of the Alpha Xi Delta, a quarterly, in February. The fraternity, or sorority, as they prefer to be called, has a roll of five chapters, all in the West or South, but their journal shows promise of future extension. Their first national convention was held in May, 1903, at Galesburg, Ill.

The December issue of *The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta* has one particularly interesting feature—an outline map of the United States, in which all the active and alumnae chapters of Phi Delta Theta are designated, with the name of college and city, respectively. It is decidedly the most graphic and striking method of stating the chapter roll, which has come to our notice.

## EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

The Kappa Alpha Journal for September, November and January.

The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma for October and January.

Sigma Chi Quarterly for November.

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi for December.

Beta Theta Pi for December.

Delta Upsilon Quarterly for December.

The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta for December.

The Trident of Delta Delta Delta for December.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for December.

The Anchora of Delta Gamma for January.

The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta for January.

The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi for January.

The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega for January.

The Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho for January.

The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta for January.

The Alpha Xi Delta for February.

The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi kindly offers for the benefit of corresponding editors, a model chapter letter. It is a "hit" which strikes home to most of us who have occupied that enviable(?) position. The letter runs in this wise:

### OKLAHOMA GAMMA — CHEROKEE UNIV.

The opening of school found us together again in the dear old Frat. House. We mourn the loss of our four dear Seniors who we miss very much.

Rushing is over and how glad we are! We want to introduce to all our sisters our five sweet pledges whom we point to with pride. Already they are very enthusiastic and we are sure they will become loyal wearers of our sacred emblem and worthy of the honor our Sorority has conferred

on them. Initiation takes place Dec. 14, followed by a spread.

Social life in the University has been very active. We have given several fudge parties, etc. Next Sat. we expect to entertain in honor of our Alumni, Patronesses and mothers. It is to be a "Donation Party," and as a result we hope to have many pretty new things for the house.

Hoping you will all strive to become true and noble.

KATHRYN MAEBELLE BROWNE.

#### **A Good Suggestion—**

Lengthy discussions centered around the proposal presented at the recent Grand Chapter to compel active chapters to communicate with alumni once each year, with a result that this course was strongly recommended as an effective way of keeping in touch with those who go out from the chapter fold from year to year. We are pleased to note that a number of active chapters have followed the spirit of the recommendation and have already communicated with alumni. We reproduce elsewhere two letters which have come to us. We commend this matter to the careful consideration of chapter officials and trust that the plan will be followed generally during the current year.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

The introduction of comic rites in fraternity initiations is steadily losing favor. We hope that Theta will be among the first to abolish them altogether.

"The question of horse-play and brutality in initiations arises every fall. The newspapers have within the past month reported at least two deaths from evidently unintentional but not the less blameworthy exploits of this kind. For the first twenty-five years of its existence our fraternity was totally free from any fault in this direction, but of late years, to our shame be it said, this has not been the case. We urge the chapters, now that with most of them the year's initiations have taken place and the discussion will have no personal bearing, carefully to consider this question, and if possible and, once for all, to abolish such practices. To ask a gentle-

man to join a chapter composed of gentlemen picked for their social and intellectual qualities, and then, by way of impressing him, to cause him to submit to insult and indignity, is absurd when plainly stated. The undergraduates do not realize how many men with a keen sense of personal dignity refuse fraternity memberships because they are unwilling to be made to act like fools even in fun. One of the strongest arguments that Delta Upsilon makes is that there is no horse-play to be undergone to secure admission to their association, and many a bright but sensitive lad would be brought into Beta Theta Pi if he were given the same assurance. We have seen many initiations which had an element of humor in them and which did little harm; but the spirit which institutes practices of this kind is apt to expand beyond original intentions and to produce lamentable results. We don't want to preach, but we urge all the boys to pause and reflect and to resolve that they will act the part of gentlemen always."—*Beta Theta Pi.*

#### **The Way to Wear a Fraternity Pin—**

It is interesting to observe the unusual uses to which many sorority women subject their pins. The emblems of their respective societies are used upside-down, or right-side-up, in place of a lost shirt-waist button; or they are called upon to supply the missing link in a cuff, to fasten a stock, to pin a belt securely, or even to clasp milady's stray scolding locks; in fact, they are put to every use that woman's marvelous ingenuity can devise.

To one who truly appreciates her sorority pin, such usage seems little short of sacrilegious. The important and often the most beautiful part of the Fraternity Ritual is bound up in its badge. What Tri-Delta can take in her hand the mystic Stars and Crescent and fail to read in those symbols all the bonds that hold us in their close embrace, binding North to South, and East to West? Surely, an emblem that means so much to us should be regarded as a badge of honor, a very hall-mark of identification, rather than as a

combination of the useful and the ornamental, adapted to many needs.

It is not necessary to wear it, chip-like, on the shoulder, but it should so be worn that in passing all the world may read, if it so choose. Women, I believe, are sole offenders. I have yet to see the man who wears his Fraternity pin otherwise than purely as the badge of his society. Undoubtedly, we women are as loyal to the Greek-letter world as our brothers; therefore, let us also honor our emblems, never forcing them to serve as more than the badges which we are proud to wear.—*Trident of Delta Delta Delta.*

A most important duty of chapter officers is to see to it that there shall be something in the local organization of constant interest to active men. Unless an active chapter has some object in view continually it cannot hope to prove to men that Sigma Chi can offer more inducements than would be found outside her fold. We refer especially to the duty of chapter officials in maintaining traditions and building up locally something which may take the place, to an extent, of the home which the Freshman has just left. The matter of chapter meetings should receive careful attention. Here questions of general interest can be discussed and frequently suggestions may be made which will be of immense importance to the individual in after life. The chapter meeting, therefore, should have a point of common interest. Another method of maintaining the traditions of which we speak is to make the chapter house, lodge or hall attractive. Both the living and the meeting rooms of a chapter should be kept neat and every effort toward attractiveness should be put forth. One important feature in this connection is the chapter library. Every chapter should have its librarian and it should be the aim to keep a file of all of the official publications of the Fraternity. It is possible for chapters to secure many back numbers of the Quarterly and Bulletin, together with catalogues, song books, etc., which have been published. In addition, the official publications of the institution in which the chapter

is located should receive attention. It has been found in many chapters that a scrap book in which may be placed newspaper clippings, programs, valuable correspondence with alumni, etc., is of great interest. We believe that every chapter should maintain a scrap book. Now that the rushing season is over these more commonplace matters should receive attention.—*Sigmi Chi Quarterly*.